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The Sleeper.

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Forgetfulness is there—
The maiden sleeps within a fairy bower,
And the low murmur of the summer air,
Comes on the light-winged hour.

Unclosed, a silent lyre
Lies tuneless at her side; and spread around
Are with ring blossoms of the scented brier,
Culled from the haunted ground.

Oh! she is beautiful—
A brow too radiant with its wealth of hue;
The ruby of her lip is cold and dull—
Veiled is her eyes deep blue.

Dark, glossy hair has strayed
In silken masses o'er her bosom's white,
Marking the footstep where the zephyr played,
On pulses fringed with light.

Sweetly the wild bird's song,
Is floating in soft cadences around,
And whisp'ring insects swiftly wing along,
On some bright errand bound.

Her visions what are they?
Pure spirit across wrought as the purple west,
With hues of glory when the dying day,
Sinks to its golden rest.

And meet it is that dreams
Of more than earthly brightness, should be where
The freshness of etherial beauty beams,
Upon a form so fair.

But let me turn away—
I would not mar that pictured loveliness;
But yet the magic spell still holds me stay,
And ever drink its bliss.

Yet one I go, one look—
And that the last—then mem'ry's pen of flame
Shall write its fadeless ray within her book,
Bright, lasting, and the same.

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The Choice of a Husband;

OR,

A Daughter's Regard.

TRANSLATED FROM THE FRENCH.

If the choice of a friend contributes so much to the charm of our existence, of how much greater importance is the choice of a husband; for on this choice depends the happiness or the misery of a whole life.

The ties of friendship may be broken, sometimes even replaced by others still more sweet, but the ties of Hymen are indissoluble; death alone can destroy them, and no well educated young person can form these ties without making the following reflections: "I enchain for ever my destiny to the being, who will have it in his power to change it at will. Nature and the laws submit me to his authority, he will be the sovereign arbiter of my happiness, my fortune and my reputation,—my very name will be lost in his. I must share his success, his reverses, his glory, his honor, his sadness, his joy, his cares, his pleasures, in a word, his whole existence."

After making these or similar reflections, what prudent young lady will neglect the necessary means of ascertaining the character, the morals, the habits, and the connexions of him whom her heart prompts her to choose? Perhaps after removing the seducing mask which he wears to please her, she will find him altogether unworthy of ties at once so dear and so solemn. Ah! how justly merited is the fate, how unworthy our pity are those young silly girls, who without reflection accept the first offer which flatters their vanity, contract the sacred ties of matrimony merely with the view of gratifying their vanity for display, by mounting a carriage, or showing off a few diamonds in the giddy round of fashion. Rank, opulence, a handsome face, and graceful manners are not always the sure tokens of conjugal happiness. The man who enjoys the most elevated rank in society may fall into the most obscure. The most opulent may dissipate his wealth by foolish enterprises; a handsome face is almost universally attended with a foppishness—a self-conceit which makes a husband think much more of himself than of his wife. Those affected manners, that consequential air, that self sufficiency which is now called *le bon ton* generally indicates a frivolous and superficial mind: But the man who is neither so elevated as to fear a downfall, nor too low to have a right to expect to rise; the man whose physiognomy bespeaks mind, judgment, frankness, and goodness of heart, whose modest and unaffected manners show at once sense and education, whose respect for religion denotes him a virtuous man; the man whose talents and industry put him above want, and enable him to say, "Whatever be the strokes of fate my resources are within myself," such is the estimable and cherished being who alone can make the ties of Hymen blessed, and a wife happy.

Mr. Auberton was the proprietor of an extensive manufactory. His zeal, his assiduous labor, some material improvements, which he had suggested not only contributing to enhance the value of the goods, but also to the economy of the workmanship, had given him a high reputation among the manufacturers of Paris. Young Auberton endeavored to show himself worthy of the favor conferred on him by redoubling his efforts for the prosperity of himself and patrons, by active industry, enterprise, and entiring devotion to his business, and his efforts were crowned with signal success.

Auberton soon rose to the height of fortune and happiness. His wife was one of those women whose solid qualities contribute materially to the prosperity of a commercial house; she constantly assisted her husband in business—transcribed the correspondence with the various cities in connexion with the firm—in the absence of her husband overlooked the packing of the goods, encouraged the women among the work people, and attended to their wants, and in daily charity among them sought no other pleasures than those derived from the consciousness of doing good. Her ambition was to succor the unfortunate, console those who were in distress, and see herself constantly surrounded by those who regarded her as their benefactress. She, who possessed so many amiable qualities deserved to exercise them on beings still more dear to her heart, she had four daughters whose loveliness and happy dispositions seemed to be the reward of her goodness; but she did not long enjoy this sweet privilege. She died in the prime of life, mourned by a husband who was inconsolable, and children yet too young to be conscious of the irreparable loss they had sustained. But she left them with the temptations of the world to struggle with, deprived of her counsel, and she to show the folly of the human heart, when raised to affluence, and led away by fashion.

Mr. Auberton after the death of his wife gave himself up so far as it lay in his power to the education of his daughters; their tastes and inclinations varied as they grew up, and when they arrived at that age when young ladies become desirous of entering into society, they had gradually succeeded in persuading their father, deprived of the prudent counsels of his wife, to adopt a mode of life analogous to their fortune. Anxious, as too frequently fond parents are, to show off the talents of his daughters, the indulgent father yielded to their love of fashion. The splendor which these young people introduced by degrees into the paternal mansion, Auberton's constant intercourse with foreigners,—his immense credit in Paris, and particularly the native affability of his manners attracted to his house persons belonging to the highest classes of society; among whom several aspired to the hand of his daughters. The chiest, Emily, and the second, Clementina, were very much admired by many. The former finally received the addresses of the Baron d' Ostalis, Chamberlain to a foreign prince, and the latter those of Mr. Destanges, the son of one of the richest bankers of Paris. Their vanity was flattered, Emily looked to the honorable title of the baron, and the privilege of being introduced into the highest circles of the metropolis. Clementina anticipated the pleasures of dashing out in all the splendor of wealth. In vain did their sensible father represent to them that the desire of rising in the world alone seemed to determine their choice, in vain did he endeavor to make them consider the dangers and the evils of an unbounded ambition. Emily and Clementina were too much flattered, too much dazzled by their imaginary greatness, to relinquish such splendid prospects.

The Baron d' Ostalis was one of those courtiers whose dignified and imposing manners show at once the man of quality, and the man of the world. The look of patronage which he sometimes condescended to bestow on those around him, the air of stately pride which he maintained even with Emily herself, charmed her, and made her sigh with impatience for the moment, that would proclaim her the Baroness d' Ostalis.

As for Clementina she was in raptures when every Mr. Destanges spoke of his horses,—his carriages—his pack of hounds—his *tableaux*—the diamonds that were re-set every three months. Vain creature! she saw herself already covered with jewels, and fully made up her mind to accond her husband in all his prodigality.

The two sisters delighted, and already ashamed of their simple origin, were united on the same day to their illustrious admirers, without once taking into consideration whether they could sympathise in characters, or in tastes; without ever knowing if they were really loved, they quitted the home of their childhood, where, since their infancy they had known nothing but tenderness and happiness, to launch into the whirlpool of fashion and opulence.

The third daughter Julia was a creature of romance, without having any desire to shine either by rank or riches, she looked for what is called *un bel esprit*. "I leave to others," she would say, "the foolish vanity of being titled, or the pleasure of amassing and counting their gold; true happiness, according to me, consists in a lively imagination, that freshness of ideas, which gives a grace to ever thing, that delicate tact which raises us above the level of vulgar minds, and makes us find a thousand renewing charms in those very things that would be overlooked by those half organised beings who tread the beaten path of life. I must have a gentleman of taste, who can appreciate beauty, and who is versed in accomplishments, who has a soul for poetry. I wish for no dull, plodding, calculating business slave."

Julia found, or thought she found all these qualities in the dashing and elegant Mr. de Luze, whose exquisite *toilette*, easy step, extreme hear sightedness, effeminate manners, affectation, assurance and impudence, exhibited at once *l'homme* et *la mode*; in a word, a real fop. His mouth always half open to show his beautiful teeth, distilled with an inexpressible charm, all that refined venom of *mechanate* which makes such a man think himself witty and entertaining; he contrived to introduce himself everywhere, and pretended to be sought after by every body, he knew better than any one every engagement, dispute, intrigue, anecdote, all the gossip and scandal of the day.—With very little sense, yet endowed with an excellent memory, he repeated with a tone of assurance, as his own, what he had heard man of talents say the day before; although possessed of a very moderate income, he had the secret of appearing wealthy. He had acquired an incredible dexterity in managing his creditors, in short, Mr. de Luze, was one of those egotists, those fortune hunters, who, with the help of a name, which they do not think themselves obliged to honor, live at the expense of those whom they afterward ridicule, and whom they scarcely notice as soon as they find new dupes.

Attracted by the marriage portion which Mr. Auberton was known to give to his daughters, de Luze had sought every means of pleasing Julia, whose tastes he had flattered, and whose inclinations he had studied. He succeeded despite of parental remonstrance, and was preferred to many others; Blinded by the dazzling qualities of Mr. de Luze, she looked upon him as the phœnix of amiable men, she imagined that no sooner married to this beautiful Cilidon, than she would be considered one of the most distinguished of women in Paris. In spite of the wise remonstrances of her father on the foppishness, the want of fortune of her intended, without a profession, without connexions, this silly creature declared that no other had in her estimation half the merit, half the pretensions of succeeding in everything he would undertake, and that the choice she had made was irreversible. She was accordingly married to the dashing Mr. de Luze, and the same day she hurried to her new lodgings on the Italian Boulevards, where she found her apartments magnificently furnished, a splendid carriage, a handsome pair of horses and the servants in livery.

Mr. Auberton was now left with the youngest of his daughters, a girl about eighteen years of age. Considerable losses which this worthy parent had met with in business which prudence obliged him to keep from the world, weighed so heavily on his mind, that in a very short time his declining health was sensibly impaired. The prodigality and extravagance of his three married daughters—the vortex of fashion in which they lived, caused to this tender father a more profound grief than even the secret troubles with which he was overpowered. He experienced also the mortification of seeing himself neglected by the children whom he had so fondly cherished, and for whom he had already dispossessed himself of part of his wealth. The baroness D'Ostalis constantly engaged in the duties which fashion and etiquette command, forgot the most sacred of all; she seldom came, and then as if by stealth, to see Mr. Auberton. She spoke to him of the lords and ladies of distinction who visited her, and when her eyes rested on the old factory where she had been brought up, she blushed and thought, "Is it possible that I was born in such a low sphere of life?" It was the same with Mrs. Destanges. Her visits to her father seemed burdensome to her, she seemed to forget he had been the tender support of her infancy. As to Mrs. de Luze, she came much oftener, but it was less filial affection which brought her to the parental mansion than the constant want of money which she experienced amidst her handsome furniture, yet unpaid for to the tradesmen who had supplied it.

Gabriella, whose sweetness, alertness, and entire devotion to her fond parent, gained the admiration and esteem of every body, received many advantageous offers, but none succeeded to please her; she looked upon marriage not as the means of showing off *éclat* in the world, but as the source of her own happiness, and of that of the husband she would choose. Endowed with all the amiable qualities of her mother whose living image she was, she thought it her duty to replace her among the numerous work people of the factory. The delight which she daily experienced among those whom she made so happy, appeared to her preferable to all the enjoyments which fashion can invent, or vanity seek after. Moreover, she thought her presence indispensible to her father's comfort; so much so, that she resolved never to leave him; when the latter would press her to make a choice from among her admirers, and form those ties in which, she, more than any one had a right to expect happiness, Gabriella would throw herself into his arms and say "Who would then be a comfort to thy old age, who would receive the tender effusions of thy heart, who would lavish on thee those caresses to which thou hast so long been accustomed. Deprived of my fond mother, abandoned I might almost say by my sisters, who scarcely ever come to visit thee, thou hast no one left but thy Gabriella, and thou wouldst wish to be separated from her."

"Still," replied Mr. Auberton, with an emotion which he could hardly master, "I must not permit thee to sacrifice to me the right of loving and being loved; how can I when thou reminded me so much of thy virtuous and excellent mother, prevent thee from forming ties which would be a happiness to thee, and a comfort and consolation in my old age. Oh! my good Gabriella, at least do not let me leave this world, without knowing the one who after I am gone will be thy guide and thy support."

"Do you think this so easy a matter, dear father! Where shall I find him? Is it like Emily among the fashionable, who will think they honor me very much, and who will make me feel sooner or later the disparity of our stations in life? Must it be like Clementina among the wealthy, who will tell me I owe everything to them, because they have enriched me, or shall it be like Julia among those fops of the day, who get in debt and promise before hand the marriage portion of their wives to their creditors? If ever to please thee my dear father, I give up my liberty, if ever I choose a husband, I would wish him to be a man of business, with no other title than that of an honorable and upright character, no other fortune than that which would put us above want, and who would be forced to cultivate those talents which nature and education had given him. I would wish him, above everything, to be a man of sense and judgment, a man of decision, for, the greatest scourge in my estimation, would be to belong to a fool, or to a man of a weak and timid mind. His wife must experience a pain which not even the ascendancy which she must inevitably take over him, can mitigate. To see the being whom I had chosen to protect me, humiliated!—Oh! that would be an anguish I could never bear! I would wish him to be kind and affectionate, surrounded by friends who respected him, jealous of public esteem, incapable of offending any one unjustly, of high and honorable feelings, and far from bargaining for his wife, as he would for a slave, requiring no marriage portion but the qualities of a virtuous woman, and the certainty of being loved by her, with a disinterested, ardent, and devoted love, in short, the *true* love of woman. Help me, dear father, to find such a husband, and then there will be two of us to love thee, and watch thy declining years."

"That is to say, my Gabriella, that you would wish to find perfection; it is far from existing among man; believe me, do not require too much; be beloved first, and when to this indispensible quality you find in the one that your heart has chosen, talents, morals and industry, do for him as your excellent mother did for me,—prefer him without hesitation to his rivals."

These conversations between the father and daughter were frequent, and always ended with a mutual promise never to part.

Mr. Auberton was the more anxious to see Gabriella settled in life, as he found his strength daily declining, and his business becoming entangled, not only on account of many irreparable losses, occasioned by several failures in which he was involved, but in consequence of the immense sums which he had given to his married daughters.

The multiplicity of his business had brought about an intimacy with a young man whom he had employed to assist him, and who necessarily became almost an inmate of the family. Melville had no fortune but his industry. Though not very handsome, he had an expressive countenance, a good figure, a quick and penetrating eye, his manners were naturally graceful, but that which diffused an irresistible charm over his person, was a voice so sweet and so persuasive, that every word he uttered, seemed to find its way to the heart. Proud with those who thought themselves above him, he was always kind and affable toward his equals or his inferiors; always ready to defend the weak against the strong, and to bring to light dishonor or injustice, he had acquired the esteem of all, and the friendship of many. Melville was at twenty-six classed in public opinion, as one of the most honorable men of the place, enjoying the highest reputation for integrity and uprightness.

Gabriella, it may well be supposed was not long in discovering in him all the qualities she deemed so necessary to the happiness of married life. Hardly willing to acknowledge even to herself the impression he had made on her, she studied with peculiar care his character, and was thoroughly convinced that he alone could make her happy; in fact, she was sincerely attached to him;—but he had never *told* her he loved her. At times, she thought he did, but again his distant and reserved manner with her, more than with others perplexed her. As her father was always her friend and her confident, she told him her sentiments, and obtained a promise that he would never divulge her secret, unless Melville gave him reason to suppose her affection was returned. It is impossible to express the delight of Mr. Auberton, for Melville was a great favorite, he loved, he esteemed him—and, more experienced in the world than his daughter, he had long suspected that Melville was attached to her.

Soon after this avowal of his daughter while in conversation with Melville, the latter as usual praised the goodness, talents, amiability and shining qualities of the tender hearted Gabriella; he ventured so far as to remark, "how blessed the man would be who would possess such a treasure."

"Why then should you not be that happy man?" said Mr. Auberton, pressing his hand affectionately.

"I—I—Sir—could I aspire?"—

"That depends upon one thing," interrupted the father,—"to praise, admire, my Gabriella, every body does that, but it would be necessary to experience for her a deep and sincere affection, without which it would be in vain to try to make her happy. "No one in that case could be more certain of making her happy," replied Melville, with an emotion that showed very plainly the feelings of his heart; "many without doubt have admired your daughter, but none can have ever appreciated as much as I have, her rare qualities, and were it not the great disparity in our fortunes, our stations—"

"Stop," said Mr. Auberton, pressing him to his bosom, "there can be none henceforth. Gabriella is not insensible to your merit; you love her, that is enough;—I can now call you my son.—Then calling his daughter, he explained to her what had passed, and begged they would not postpone an union which was the dearest wish of his heart.

Gabriella, well knew that she would have to encounter the frowns of her sisters, but she had her father's approbation: she cared nought for all beside. As soon as they heard of the engagement, they came to express their surprise at what they called such an unsuitable match.

"Considering the fortune which you give to Gabriella, and as the sister of the Baroness d'Ostalis," said the eldest, "she ought to marry a nobleman."

"Or one of the richest bankers of Paris," said Madame Destanges.

"Or a man of fashion, whose manners and *bon ton* could make her hold a distinguished rank in society," said Mad. de Luze.

"But, my dear sisters, I desire no other rank, I wish no other title than that of a happy wife."

"Can you be happy in a low sphere of life?" they asked.

"The *career* of the husband I have chosen is far from being in a low sphere of life; a respectable man of business is beneath no one."

"She is right," said Mr. Auberton with anger, "for my part, I esteem much more such a man as she has chosen, who preserves his honor, the fortune and repose of his family, to all these egotists, who dishonor theirs by the depravity of their morals, or ruin them by their ridiculous ostentation."

"But what will the Baron d'Ostalis say, when he hears of this?"

"He will say, that his sister in law has not had the foolish vanity, to wish to rise above the sphere in which Providence has placed her," said Mr. Auberton. "And Mr. Destanges, who had destined you for one of the richest bankers of the town, what shall I say to him?" "That I have a great dread of too much wealth." "And Mr. de Luze, who hoped soon to see you emerge from your obscurity, what can I say to him?" "That he must pay his debts," replied Mr. Auberton with impatience, "before he has the impudence to criticise the conduct of others. Gabriella marries to please herself, and not to please you: she has suffered too much, to see her old father disdained by your illustrious husband, not to profit by your example; the son-in law which she gives me will not be ashamed to say, that Auberton the manufacturer, is his father-in-law, he will not look with contempt upon that factory in which I have gained by thirty years of hard labor, the fortunes I have given you, and if I do not say to Melville, my son-in-law the Baron, my son-in law the banker, my son-in-law *le bel esprit*, I can say while receiving his attentions and caresses, my dear son, the happy husband of my happy daughter. I wish ladies, I could say as much of yours."

This vigorous *sortie* of Mr. Auberton, reduced the three sisters to silence, they felt the more confused as they were conscious of the truth of what he said; their embarrassment was extreme; they were seeking by vain pretexts to excuse themselves when Melville entered, very *a propos* to change the conversation: he perceived at once, that he was the subject of the conference. Knowing well that he would not suit them, and wishing to avoid any altercation on the subject, he immediately entered into conversation with them on indifferent subjects, spoke to them with so much politeness and dignity of manner, so much grace and affability, that they left the house a little less prejudiced, and said to each other as they took their seats in the carriage: "He is indeed amiable: what a pity he should be in such an inferior walk of life.

The wedding day came, the sisters made their appearance laden with diamonds, and displayed the richest and most costly dresses. Mr. de Luze, only accompanied them. The Baron d'Ostalis, who could not condescend to act the part of a brother-in-law to a man of business, gave as a pretext, that he had an engagement with the Prince whose chamberlain he was. The banker Destanges who disdained every body who was not as rich as himself, gave for excuse, that business of importance obliged him to leave Paris; but in spite of the absence of these distinguished members of the family, the wedding went off very pleasantly and agreeably; the bride and groom remained very quietly at home, with Mr. Auberton, who every day commended more and more the choice of his daughter.

A few months had elapsed, when the failure of one of the most extensive banking houses of London, gave an unexpected crush to the already tottering fortune of Auberton. Seeing himself by degrees the victim of fraud and injustice; unable to collect immense out standing debts, he was compelled to sell his factory, in order to fulfil his engagements; he was now penniless, obliged to sell even the family mansion where he had spent so many happy days. Melville who had entered into business for himself, by means of the property made over to his wife on their marriage, had now the satisfaction of offering a home to his father-in-law; he and Gabriella would often playfully dispute which had the best right to tender to him their caresses, respect and attentions.—Melville was the only one of his son's-in-law, who showed himself worthy to belong to this honorable old man. The baron and the banker seemed to have forgotten him altogether; the elegant Mr. de Luze who during Mr. Auberton's prosperity, often called to pay him interested visits, had never once seen him, since this worthy father of a family, after having given so much, had no more to give.

His daughters came sometimes to see him, but far from bringing comfort to his already broken heart, they increased his sufferings by the constant recital of their respective sorrows.

Mad. d'Ostalis complained bitterly of the pride and contempt of her husband, now that he had nothing to gain. Mad. Destanges was heart broken, because her husband had secretly pawned all her diamonds to satisfy some gambling debt; in fine the *sensible* Mad. de Luze began to perceive that her husband's merit consisted in spending far beyond his means, and seeing his hopes of obtaining another fortune frustrated, he treated hers with cruelty, and exposed her every day to the ill treatment of his creditors.

"I then," said Gabriella, with a look of tenderness, and leaning her head on her husband's shoulder; "I then am the only happy one. O dearest," she would say, putting her arms affectionately around his neck; "how far you are above those who disdain you, how far superior to them you rise every day!"

"Well my ambitious daughters," the old man would say, while pressing Melville's hand to his bosom; "well! will you now blame your sister's choice, would you not take him in preference to the best of your husbands?"

Mr. Auberton would have broken out into still more violent reproaches; but his son-in-law wishing to spare the feelings of his sisters, always turned the conversation in so dexterous a manner, that they were moved even to tears; they found a generous friend in the one they had, until now, disdained to call their brother.

But the amiable and tender Gabriella's happiness was soon interrupted by a stroke, which though expected for some time, came like a thunderbolt to rend her affectionate heart; the cruel hand of death snatched from her that fond parent who had been her counsellor and her adviser, to whom she owed her happiness, for she had hearkened to his counsels; from her earliest infancy he had trained her mind to religion and reflection, and she attentive to his wise instructions was reaping the fruit of her docility. Her father died in the arms of her husband; the only son-in-law he had ever called by the endearing name of son.

His death awakened the cupidity of a few remaining creditors who had not been fully satisfied, but the memory of his father was too dear to Melville, to allow even any shadow of reproach, —he satisfied them, and expended in that way, nearly all that he had received as Gabriella's marriage portion; his success in business had been considerable; he was daily improving his commerce, and the wealth he was acquiring, was the more satisfactory as it was the fruit of his industry and labor. As to the other sons-in-law, not one was able to assist in this act of gratitude to the memory of the respectable Auberton,—they had long before squandered all they had received. The Baron taking advantage of a rupture between France and the Prince to whom he belonged, fled, leaving the unfortunate Emily to provide as well as she could, for herself and child. Soon after this, the banker Destanges, experiencing many unexpected losses, but too proud to retrench his extravagant expenses, resorted to every species of fraud and villainy,—dishonored himself—failed—and was obliged to quit his country; where he left his wife in poverty and want. In fine, Mr. de Luze, who had a long time since dissipated all that Julia had brought him,—seized with as much cruelty as insolence, the momentary indulgence of his father-in-law, to sue for a divorce, upon the plea that he had been cheated,—deceived—unjustly treated; and thus rent asunder, the ties which bound him to the unfortunate Julia. Such grounds were not sufficient to make his petition valid in a court of Justice. Baffled in this attempt,—pursued by his numerous creditors,—deeply involved in debt, without even the prospect of having wherewith to pay,—he gambled—drank—and became at last, a ruined man.

It was then, that Melville showed himself in all the beauty of his character; with his attentions, succors, consolations,—he spared nothing to soften the cruel situation of his Gabriella's sisters. He had already acquired by his prudence and economy, some property;—too prudent, too honorable to risk the fruit of his labor in stock-jobbing or usury, he determined to purchase a handsome estate not far from the Metropolis, which would at all events be a place of retreat for himself and wife, in case of any change of fortune; not wishing at first to tell her of his intention, he absented himself for a day or two, on pretence of business of importance,—repaired to his estate, and without losing a moment, made all the necessary preparations for the surprise he intended to give his Gabriella. On his return home, he communicated to his wife his plan of placing his funds in a farm, and begged she would go with him to see it. Gabriella was delighted.

They started one morning in September, (it was her birth day;) and in a few hours arrived at the farm; from which could be seen on an eminence, a splendid mansion surrounded by forest, trees, and exhilirating the most picturesque and smiling landscape.

"What a charming residence," exclaimed Mrs. Melville, "how happy one might be in such an abode!"

"Let us look at it," said her husband, "perhaps by obtaining some respite for the terms of payment, we might make some arrangements for its purchase,—let us at all events look at it."

"Willingly, my dear,—but such a dwelling would be altogether too large for us."

"Let us look at it, at any rate," replied Melville, "it will be but a pleasant walk, across the fields."

When they reached the mansion, the doorkeeper who had been instructed how to act, received them as if he supposed they were strangers coming to visit the place. Mrs. Melville walked about delighted, charmed with every thing. But what was her surprise, her astonishment, when on entering the drawing room, she beheld the full length portrait of her respected father. Her emotion was such that she could not utter a word. Fearing the effect which this might have on her too sensitive heart, her husband hurried her into an adjoining room, where she found a drawing board, a work table similar to her own at home,—and in a corner of the room she saw a large picture, representing the unaffected and benevolent Gabriella, in one of the work-shops of the factory, on the morning of a rigorous winter, such as is seldom known in France, distributing alms—the product of her jewels, which she had sold to succor them in their unexpected distress. The resemblance was so striking, the place in which this scene had really taken place was so faithfully delineated, that she could no longer restrain her tears.

"I did not need all this to make me like this delightful place. I see, now plainly, that it is ours." At a signal given by the master of the house, the servants entered,—all were eager to offer to Mrs. Melville, their homages and their respect. On going up stairs her attention was attracted by something which seemed to be written in a temporary manner upon the doors, approaching nearer, she read these words: *Emily's apartment*; on the second, *Clementina's apartment*; and on the third, *Julia's apartment*.

"You see my Gabriella, that this dwelling is not altogether too large for us."

"O the best of brothers," cried Mrs. Melville, throwing herself into her husband's arms; "It appertains to you alone to take such a revenge!" He would hear no more, but conducted her to the garden, the orchard, the arbors, where she found every thing that art could invent, or agriculture yield. Yet no surprise could exceed that which she experienced, when on entering a wood of Acacias, forming a thick shade at the end of the garden, she saw her three sisters sitting under a delightful foliage, surrounded by their children. Emily and Clementina were weaving garlands of flowers for the little girls; and Julia, her eyes fixed on her infant boy, smiled—in hopes to see it smile—for even sorrow cannot chase a mother's smile, when bending o'er her child.

The meeting of the sisters was truly touching. Words cannot express the feelings of their hearts. They called Melville their friend, their benefactor, their more than father. All joined in congratulating Gabriella on her happiness.

Mr. Melville immediately explained to his wife, that he had formed the project of inviting her sisters to remain, for the present, on his estate, as he supposed their residence at Paris would now be extremely painful. He hoped in a short time to see them in a more independent situation,—as he had reason to hope their father's estate could be settled in such a way, as to give them some means of their own,—for his part, he relinquished all claims on the right of his wife.

Being disgusted with the world, they had accepted his proposals, and had planned with him this surprise, for their sweet sister. "I made choice of this happy day," added Melville, "to bring you once more together,—for I thought I could not offer to my Gabriella, a more acceptable birth-day present."

"O best and most amiable of men," said the affectionate Gabriella, turning toward him, with a look of rapturous delight, "I have never felt it more than at this moment. Yes! of all the blessings which Heaven can bestow upon a woman, there is none to be compared to that of being happy with THE HUSBAND OF HER CHOICE." L.

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A Year Ago.

A year ago!—ah, who would say,
The love you cherish'd then
Could thus be taken from me away
And given to others soon?
Or think those lips I've often prest
With love-tones murmuring
By other's than mine own caressed,
Their witcheries would fling?—

A year ago!—ah, who would say,
The smiles that brightly shone
Around the lock formed to be gray
The heart then all its own,
That heart alas! is withered now,
Bound by an icy chain,
The love-springs that were wont to flow
For thee, but all in vain.

A year ago!—and every sigh
Thy bosom heaved, I thought
Was mine, and from thy bright blue eye,
Whence this lone bosom caught
The flame that's wasting it away,
I learned but to believe
While dazzled by its flashing ray
That thou could'st not deceive.

But broken now is every tie
That bound thy heart to mine,
And with another's destiny
You've, faithless, mingled thine
And vows to him those you recalled to me.
Then it breathing fresh; now
While beam these eyes as sparkling'ly
As then—a year ago.

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The German's Daughter.

(Continued from our last.)

"Hitherto," resumed Pembroke, "the old man had apparently engrossed our whole attention. Apparently, I say, for it is, you must be aware, not to be understood that we should, in yielding ourselves to the necessity of listening to his ceaseless fluency, have also dedicated to him, without reserve, our ears, our eyes, and whatever sentiments might arise from the circumstances in which we found ourselves. But, until we entered the garden, his daughters had suffered him to be the family 'spokesman.' Then, however, I had reason to thank the fancy which had led through the flower-beds certain small green paths; for as occasionally we walked along the narrow ways, it was easy to place myself beside Julie, and to fall into discourse with her."

"Praising the blueness of the skies—the velvet of the turf—the sweet south wind"—the flowers—the birds—the trees. I anticipate your conversation," said Mrs. Vere.

"Mrs. Vere, I'll swear you have felt the tender passion!"

"Do you infer so from my having so truly divined the manner of nonsense with which your own commenced? Possibly, however, I may, in my day, have listened to such instructive converse, without any great degree of sympathy!"

"That, I confess, ought to have occurred to me."

"Well, never mind—was it not as I guessed?"

"Oh! somewhat so—of course. These things have their influence, even on hard natures, overgrown with years; and upon fresh feelings (and mine were then exceedingly fresh,) and upon a heart already softening to Julie's impress, their effect was considerable, as you naturally suppose. A chain of associations was then drawn around me, which time himself, I think, can never unlink. I avow the enthusiasm which settled on a rose, and I recall with foolish, but passionate regret, the tenderness which lingered with the violets."

"How pretty that is!"

"Pray, Mrs. Vere, have some little forbearance! Julie smiled, half with amusement, half from feelings similar to my own, at my extravagant expression of delight, and her lips and eyes laughed together in such harmony of beauty, that I was still tempted on from folly to folly, merely to renew their mirth.

"It is astonishing, as I now find, when Love, turned philosopher, looks back upon his former course, and now analyses a sentiment, how trace its causes and its consequences, it is astonishing, I say, Mrs. Vere, how little is the amount, either of thought or knowledge which furnishes conversation sufficient to lure young hearts to the interchange of affection! The natural world, as you have observed, subscribes two-thirds of this preliminary matter of discourse, and a quotation here, and an allusion there—now an observation, which is profound only by being botanical, and then a patch of sentiment which, at the time we fancy original, and which we live to find borrowed—these soon make up the remaining third, and by the time the whole is brought together, the young people are perfectly assured, that they too are the wisest, best, and altogether most to be admired individuals in the whole world."

"I had hardly anticipated so sensible a remark," said Mrs. Vere dryly.

"I know you did not," replied Pembroke kestily.

"More of the story, Mr. Pembroke, if you please, and fewer digressions."

"Well—don't smile then, and I will repeat to you our conversation in the garden."

"You are almost in Eden, Miss Julie," said I, "these trees and flowers scarcely look as if the breath of the world, which is itself mortality, could ever steal away their freshness."

"Are you not a little sentimental, Mr. Pembroke?" said Julie, smiling.

"I think every thing around you warrants sentiment! See the lavish bloom, the luxuriant foliage, the merry sunshine—the bright-winged birds. It is like a translation of some of Moore's sweet fancies from language to reality."

"Do you know, Mr. Pembroke, that I always think of Moore as of a sort of humming bird, roaming forever, among flowers and in sunshine?—his writings are so full of the influence of the beautiful."

"I have always heard of him," said I, "as the delighted and delightful idol of society. I have known several persons who were well acquainted with him, and of these, some describe him with all the glow of imagination which he has known how to dazzle, whilst others, people of cold, common-place, every day feelings, have, of course, been less enchanted with him. We, however, who know him only through his writings, and his music, may please ourselves with our own picture of the bard. I remember one, though, given not long ago, in Fraser's Magazine—"

"Don't mention it!" said Julie laughing, yet indignantly.

"You saw it then—was it like your humming bird?"

"Not much," said Julia, "I could scarcely read the bitter little article, which accompanied that odious ——— certainly it could have been no likeness! But it really did touch very roughly the delicate fancies that had before fluttered around my idea of the author of Lalla Rookh."

"I like this enthusiasm! And could you only be presented to the poet, I have no doubt he would speedily make you one of the brightest protegees of Fame!"

"Stay, Mr. Pembroke," interrupted Mrs. Vere, "I am quite satisfied with this specimen, and if you can pass over the rest of a morning which seems to have been vastly more enchanting to you, than its history can, I am sure, lie to me, I will thank you to arrive at a more interesting portion of the day, and tell me what you had for dinner."

"Mrs. Vere, you are really unmerciful! I declare I cannot recollect a single dish."

"Well, if you cannot make any thing of the dinner, I will anticipate you again."

"The evening was passed exactly as had been the one preceding it!"

"Not in the least, I do assure you; for this evening was extremely fine, and I had the honor to be recommended by my friend Williams as an excellent whip, and in consequence, to be invited to drive the young ladies in a small vehicle, to which the steut pony which we had seen in the paddock was, as they told me, every evening attached, in order that Helena might have the exercise which she could not otherwise enjoy. We had a charming drive, and when we returned to the cottage, Mariechen had set the tea-table in a porch covered with honey-suckles, upon which the dew began to rest most pleasantly, and among the agreeable preparations with which she then went to array her table, she had, this evening, set out fruit and cream—to which we were all disposed to do honor."

"Heroine, and all!"

"Heroines must eat a trifle, now and then," answered Pembroke smiling a little. "Otherwise, I suppose, they would soon cease to be heroines. Julie liked fruit and cream, I imagine, as well as other people—but really just then I was so bewitched by her other graces—"

"That you thought she ate more prettily than other people, and were therefore pleased to see her eat longer?"

"No—pshaw!—she did not eat longer! But I was going to say, that her many graces had so filled my mind with other things, that I did not observe particularly her manner of refreshing herself."

"That was lucky—for I have often thought whilst watching the operation myself, how difficult it would be for a delicate, romantic affection, such as one could pick out of a novel, to survive a candid view of the process of mastication. Certainly it is unfavorable to the 'human face divine!' There is, to be sure, sufficient 'play of the countenance;' but it never seemed to me exactly the right sort."

"I can't imagine how you can *live*, Mrs. Vere, with such terribly prosaic ideas!"

"Oh! I contrive it. Go on."

"When I went to my room, at night," said Pembroke, "the porch, with its mingled light, half a memory of sunset, half the gleam of the young moon, and the ladies, with their attractions of person and conversation, had so spell-bound my heart, that I sat for half an hour at the open window, with my head leaning against its side, and lost in a reverie—"

"Of mingled loveliness, fresh fruit, and cream," said Mrs. Vere.

"At last," continued Pembroke, without acknowledging this interruption, "Williams laid down a paper which he had been reading, and after looking at me inquisitively for a minute or two, asked me some questions about our next day's journey."

"To-morrow!" said I, sighing, "are we going away to-morrow!"

"I am," answered Williams, laughing. "Perhaps you mean to stay, in order to acquire correctly the proverbs of the English language. If so, let me advise you to hunt up some of the old books in which one may find such things; and begin the study to-night, or you will never be a match for your tutor."

"Pshaw!" ejaculated I.

"But seriously, Pembroke, did he invite you to stay?—for seriously he omitted that courtesy in my case, and though I like my visit exceedingly, I have yet some delicacy about remaining, without the preliminary politeness concerning which I am inquiring."

"What a bore you are!"

"But you have not been meditating a sojourn without an invitation!"

"Oh! hang it! you are growing troublesome!"

"Are you in love, Henry!"

"I don't know."

"Not with Helena!"

"No."

"Julie, then!—or old Mariechen!"

"Williams! what an ass you are! I wonder if there's no tavern immediately in the neighborhood!"

"Going to romance awhile? I give you joy! Shall I tell your pa you're looking out!"

"Don't trouble yourself so far, I beg."

"Pembroke, must I give you up!" And you, young as you are, will you give yourself up to what seems in a man of your prospects, folly to consummate!"

"I don't see the folly."

"I suppose not—though if any one else possessed your youth, and wealth, and perfect freedom, I think he might make a better use of them than to sit down to con over proverbs for life! But a fellow in love—"

"I am not in love, I believe—yet!"

"Then don't venture to be so—yet. Come, now, Pembroke go to bed, and to-morrow on the road we'll make a point of forgetting all this nonsense."

"I shall not go upon the road to-morrow."

"What, you will stay!—you will fall in love!"

"If I choose it—yes."

"You have chosen already then! Good night!"

"But, Pembroke," resumed Williams, after twisting about uneasily, for a time, in silence, "what do you suppose these ladies will infer from your staying!"

"I suppose they will not infer any thing."

"Yes, they will—and they will be justifiable

importance which had always affected my nerves so intolerably, and that effectually repressed the thanks which had risen to my lips; and ended our conversation for the time.

My parents departed for the North. I dutifully attended them to the boat, and bade them farewell with a light heart. Then I set off upon my own expedition in high spirits, and in a small, open carriage, with baggage, dogs and guns, and attended by a servant whom I had had about me from my boyhood. Rapid travelling soon brought me to the place where I had determined to spend the time to be devoted to the mountains. This was a quiet farm-house, not far from the village to which my father's letters were to be addressed, and very near to the cottage of Mr. Brunfels. I took up my abode at this place, as soon as I could persuade the farmer that I was a well-meaning, though idle youth, who sought the neighborhood only for the purpose of getting rid of time. I put on a hunting suit, took my gun, and whistling to my dogs set out to make an omen at sporting, the very evening of my arrival. I need hardly inform so sagacious a lady as yourself, Mrs. Vere, that the omen found no game—and that half an hour found me at the gate of Mr. Brunfels.

The old gentleman received me with hearty welcome, and of course without suspicion of the truth. He expressed pleasure at the anticipation of my society during the rest of the summer, and proceed me during my stay among the mountains to be much at his house. I promised him very sincerely that I would.

He was eager to show me the improvement which a fortnight had made in the promise of his fruits and vegetables, and led the way at once to his garden. In vain did I inquire for the ladies. His mind was running away from them; and, now in all the fidelity of a proverb, now in the enthusiasm of a horticulturalist, he chatted of a thousand other things. At last the declining sun, and the sight of Julie at a distance, brought the duties of a host to his mind; and he invited me to share their evening meal. Again, then, I was in the moonlit porch, with the honey-suckles breathing around me; Helena, pale and pensive, seated beside her father, and my sisters lying at Julie's feet—this last feature of the scene increasing my interest in it. She condescended to place her white hand upon the dark head of my favorite "Io," and to admire the brightness of her silky hair, and I suffered even this small circumstance to give me pleasure. We talked, during supper, only of my former visit; and I was careful to show the accuracy of my recollections. I observed that the roses were not quite out of bloom, and declared my admiration of the flowers which had succeeded them. Then I hailed Mariechen by name upon her entrance, and even asked affectionately for the pony "Kaiser." They seemed to be gratified at this minute attention, and after awhile, by way, I imagine, of reciprocation, Mr. Brunfels questioned me as to Williams, for whom he expressed a great liking.

"Williams! He was at home, and about to commence the practice of law, which he had studied as a profession. His father was poor, and my friend being an independent fellow, was resolved to spare him all expense on his own account; to farm Law and Economy into strict companionship, and to meet at once, with becoming courage, the roughness of poverty."

"What you call in English, 'taking the bull by the horns,' said Mr. Brunfels complacently.—"Am I not applying correctly the proverb?"

"Quite, sir,—O, quite."

"Or 'eating his cake, till the pudding can bake.' Sue I have found, sir, another proverb quite appropriate."

"Very appropriate."

"Poverty is nothing, at last," observed Mr. Brunfels, "unless one is in love, of which, to be sure, it aggravates the natural disquietude and uncertainty, when the flame is *nursed* amidst difficulties. Was Mr. Williams attached to any lady? It was always a fortunate thing to have some such object to inspire exertion. He had found it so himself."

"I believe he has no such object."

"Pity, pity! why has he not?"

"Perhaps," said I, "he may fancy a poor gentleman, like himself, unlikely to win the heart of a lady, in an age which accounts cash a necessary of life."

"Let him recall an excellent proverb—'Faint heart never won fair lady!' The ladies, I assure myself, are not so mercenary."

"So prudent, we will say, sir. I have heard my mother aver that it was no favor from a slenderly provided lady, to bestow her hand upon a youth no richer than his wits could make him.—She pithily observes that the gift only doubles his poverty—which is rather a doubtful advantage."

"Ah! she is a person of fortune, who overvalues luxuries to which she has become habituated. Now, there is no telling how much more to be prized is the truth of a disinterested attachment—how much sweeter even the exertions we make and the privations we bear for another, than all the gratifications which begin and end in ourselves."

"Taste is a very noble sentiment, sir. The pity is, that so few should bring it into practice, and that, of those few, so large a proportion should find in it a great deal more than they meant to undertake. Williams, however, was once in love, I believe; but though the match would not have been imprudent, as the lady possessed the gifts which fortune had denied to my friend, yet 'the course of true love did not run smooth,' for in the end the object of his affections refused and laughed at him."

"Ah, never mind! Let him be consoled!—'As good fish,' Mr. Pembroke, 'are in the sea as ever came out of it.' Such is the wisdom of another proverb."

"Confound the proverbs!" thought I, but I turned to Julie, and begged that she would suffer me to bring her guitar.

Then with music, and in conversation with the beautiful singer, when her lay was over, I continued this evening, and afterward came a moonlight walk, to the farm-house, companioned by sweet fancies.

Many such evenings followed, and many were the mornings when I called to drive Helena and Julie out among the hills. Then, whenever I shot a brace of pheasants, or game of any other kind, the offering to Mariechen brought me to the cottage. Some I was there almost every day, and I found not only that I made a welcome addition to their small circle, but that I was expected always with pleasure,—sometimes even with impatience.

"Ah, my good Mr. Pembroke, I have been waiting for you. You are very late this evening! Did you not promise to look into my orchard this afternoon? I do assure you, sir, the fruit comes on most alarmingly. See, there is Kaiser, too, looking over the fence at you. He really knows you. Why, Mr. Pembroke, your little pedestrian excursion has made you a host of friends!"

"I am delighted to hope so, sir, indeed."

When I had been about a month in the neighborhood, a "change came o'er the spirit of my dream." Hitherto I had borne in my memory the prediction of Williams, that my feelings would prove to be less interested in Julie than I could have imagined, and that I should ascertain the fact when my honor would have become so far implicated, as to render my situation an awkward one. Restrained by the fears it awakened, I had carefully guarded my deportment, that in nothing I might betray the sentiments which had brought me to the valley. Therefore, I had hitherto been content to share with her father and sister the pleasure of Julie's society. I had been perfectly happy during our morning drives, when Helena was always with us, and when, afterward, we sat in their little parlor, shaded as it was, from too much light, and breathing of the flowers which were over fresh in the simple vases that were distributed about the room, reading, or turning over prints, or music, and now practising a duet, now talking merrily together of our several pursuits, I had experienced as much satisfaction as I had reason to believe belonged to life. Time was always developing some grace in Julie, or bringing out some good and tender trait. She was beautiful when she followed with thoughtful eyes her pencil's course upon the picture she knew so well how to create. Lovelier still, when those bright eyes softened as they dwelt upon Helena, or when her prompt affection dictated some quiet attention to the poor invalid. Some people like the mysterious, and are enchanted by the romance attached to an undeveloped character. For my part, it was joy enough for me to know that Julie had a heart too innocent for concealment, and every proof of kindness and truth afforded by her conduct increased the attachment I was proud to feel for her. All this love-like observation had heretofore kept me content with the continual presence of her family, but now I began to wish them away, and sometimes I would persuade Julie that the garden looked better by moonlight, when I was sure that Helena could not accompany us, from a fear of the night-dew, and when I knew very well that Mr. Brunfels would remain with her.

The truth was, that I was now certain of myself. I believed that my own sentiments were now fixed as Fate, and my sole care was to ascertain those of my fair companion. You, Mrs. Vere, can easily fancies what naturally would happen. I would not so well satisfy myself of Julie's feelings while the presence of other people would guard their expression; nor could I, you know, so readily insinuate to her my own, 'before their faces,' as we sometimes say. There is no need to disguise the fact, that the lover, in spite of his enthusiasm, has always a faint consciousness about him, of the extreme narrowness of the step between the sublime and the ridiculous,' which is, perhaps, a reason why he rarely declares his passion in public. So I gradually made it a custom to draw Julie away under various slight pretences, and in these little interviews I often dwelt upon the very verge of tender speech. By various means, I implied her dominion over me. I was of course all deference to her very fancies, and this was the more easy, because I was very apt to adopt them myself. I could not but perceive that she was influenced by these wiles, of which love is invariably the teacher, and as soon as I had assured myself that such was the truth, I resolved to be more explicit. I had spared no pains to conciliate Mr. Brunfels, and, by a thousand delicate attentions, I had striven to acquire the friendship of Helena. For its attainment I now made a last and bold endeavor. I entrusted to her my intentions with regard to Julie, under the seal of secrecy, however, and receiving from her only a smile in reply, I had regarded this answer as the happiest omen. The communication had an advantageous influence, for I was now more frequently left to the company of Julie only. When thus agreeably situated, I was generally enraptured with the country around her home, declared my willingness never to leave it, yet sometimes dwealt a little upon the beauty of my lowland residence, and then intimated how charming it might be to divide existence between the two. Then I gazed upon the cottage and its grounds with the truest admiration.

"And said, if there's peace to be found in the world,
The heart that is humble may hope for it here!"

And then I sighed, and checked myself with the reflection that to look for it here, would, of all earthly measures, the least imply humility.

If Julie had not comprehended all I was saying, she had been very dull. Even dear old Mariechen had not been without her share of my politenesses. I had brought her many a dish of game from the hills, and even offered her a nest brooch to fasten her neck-dress. Mariechen was tall, thin, and raw-boned; her eyes were small, green, and of a very pale gray, and her nearest approach to pleasantry was given in the last degree, yet she had a heart, if one could find the way to it, and I had hit upon the most direct one, for Mariechen had a culinary pride, and she also loved ornaments, though *what* it was that she imagined they could enhance in her appearance, I never could divine. Nevertheless, I suppose she was better informed, for, after the present of the breast-pin, I found myself entitled to her stiffest courtesy, and most rigid smile. Thus my prospects with the whole family were of the most encouraging character.

It was now the end of September, and yet, unaccountably, I had forgotten that I should ever find it necessary to return to my home. From this agreeable oblivionness I was, however, awakened by a letter from my father. It announced the return of my mother and himself, assured me of his anxiety to see me, and of his impatience to leave his horses again at home; reminded me that I would soon be of age, and that we would have accounts to settle; and finally, expressing a hope that I had now shot birds enough for the season, required me to come back to his country-seat as early as I possibly could.

I was in despair, for I would not offend my father, and I felt the difficulty of leaving Julie without weaving first some tie between us; but, even if success should crown my suit, it would be terrible to tear myself away. In agitation which you, Mrs. Vere, would consider perfectly absurd, I hastened to the cottage. I met Mariechen.—"Helena," she told me, "was more indisposed than ever, and at present sleeping in her own apartment—Mr. Brunfels was absent on an errand of charity, and Julie had walked into the garden." I hurried thither.

She was standing beneath a tree, which grew over the stream, whose waters, as I have told you, flowed through the garden. The breath of autumn had already passed along the foliage, and a coming death had spread over its hues golden, brown and crimson—a strange gaiety of decay, which, with all its beauty, carries an idea of sadness into one's heart. To this natural impression, of which I was hardly conscious then, although I could afterward remember it, was added the deeper one of beholding Julie, musing and pensive, and looking down upon the rivulet, with an air of painful abstraction from the scene around her.

"What has happened?" I asked, unable to command my apprehensions.

"Helena is worse," answered Julie despondingly.

I tried to comfort her, but the dread of her sister's approaching fate seemed to deny my words all access to her heart. I unpetionably expressed my grief at being forced to leave her at such a time.

"Are you going?" said Julie. The tone indicated distress, and her cheek grew pale. My heart beat at the thought of the interest implied by both circumstances. Before I could think of consequences, my own feelings were unfolding themselves as quickly as words could utter them.

"Now, Mrs. Vere, I would not repeat to you that love-course, for anything in the world! Your eyes are dancing with merriment already!"

"Don't, if you please. I foresee all—and it is easy to foresee. The demurs expressed no sort of objection to the advantageous proposal which you thought it an honor to be permitted to make, and you kissed with breathless rapture the fair hand which she was so good as to promise you?"

"Something like that, I must confess."

"So I supposed."

"I lost no time in communicating to the father my sentiments, and the success of my suit with his daughter. The old man looked pleased, yet he hesitated. 'Fair and softly goes far in a day,' Mr. Pembroke. It is astonishing what wisdom is condensed in these little proverbs! They are the compressed wit and experience of ages—'the cream of the jest,' to use another saying. Fair and softly, as I was saying 'goes far in a day, sir. If you could already answer for the approbation of your parents, I might more decisively express my own. But we must take things quietly, my good Mr. Pembroke. I am fond of you, very fond of you, as you well know: I should be pleased that you should be permanently connected with myself. But no good son, sir, would wholly disregard the wishes of his parents, or force into their household a daughter whom they were unwilling to receive. Here, therefore, is the point, sir. I am not rich. In worldly eyes I might seem poor. I am not unaware of ex existing prejudice against foreigners; and against the profession by which I formerly subsisted. Moreover, I am too proudly sensible of the merits of my girls to be impatient to part with them. If, however, your parents be satisfied with your choice, I will not withhold my sanction; but, unless with their full consent, I will not permit your addresses. I know well, sir, what the dignity of my daughter demands; nor shall he formed into any family."

"Forced!—My dear sir, I am confident of the consent of my parents. But even were it denied me, I am almost of age, and, when of age, shall be perfectly independent—nay, sir, affluent."

"That will not make any difference. Had you been poor, yet content to share our little, that little would have been sufficient. But the good son will probably make the kind husband. The rebellious child could hardly become a forbearing partner. The same strong impulse to please yourself which would now unite you to my daughter might afterward render you harsh and exacting. Forgive me, sir, if I insist upon the approbation of your parents, as the sole condition upon which I can allow this marriage to take place."

Conclusion next week.

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☞ REMOVAL.—The Office of the SATURDAY EVENING POST has been removed to the South West Corner of Chesnut and Third Street. The situation is in every respect superior to that of the old stand. We shall be happy to see the good-humored countenances of our subscribers at any time.

Asylum for the Insane.

We perceive that the subject of an asylum for the insane, which was agitated about two years since in our Commonwealth, and which engaged even the attention of the Legislature, but was vetoed by the Governor on account of the lowness of the funds in the Treasury, has been again brought before the public, in an appeal from the pen of our fellow townsman Dr. Dunglison.

The facts and reasonings of this powerful production, are sufficient to startle the most inhuman. To one *only* shall we allude. The number of lunatics in our Commonwealth is estimated at 800, while that of the idiots does not fall short of 1200, and these wretched unfortunates, instead of being accommodated in proper asylums, are too often left to the cold charity of strangers, deprived by poverty of proper medical treatment, or confined in cages, damp, dark cells, poor houses or prisons, where they are chained and whipped in the most cruel manner, often in the aggravation of their disease. Is it not terrible enough to be afflicted with this awful scourge, without being subjected to treatment worse than that awarded to a felon?

That insanity can be cured, no medical man pretends at this day to deny. Proper treatment will nearly always insure a recovery. Of 415 cases received into the State Lunatic Asylum at Worcester, Mass. during 1839, no less than 341 were discharged perfectly restored to health. What commentary does such a fact require? In short, so conclusive a mass of facts has been collected, to demonstrate that insanity can nearly always be cured if remedies are applied in time, that Dr. Dunglison has furnished a table, from well-authenticated statistics, by which it appears that in cases where the disease has not existed more than 3 months, 9 out of every 10 are cured—and that where it has existed less than a year but more than 3 months, 8 out of every 10 are cured.

Pennsylvania has long been looked upon as the philanthropic state. Her chief city boasts more benevolent institutions than any other in the Union. Yet how lamentably is she behind her sisters in this one thing. Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, New York, Connecticut, Vermont, Virginia, Maryland, Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio and South Carolina have all established such institutions, and shall Pennsylvania, in the words of the appeal, hesitate "to adopt measures for restoring the unfortunate lunatic to his friends and to his country, or ameliorating his hard lot where perfect recovery is impracticable?"

Turkey.

The aspect of European affairs is daily becoming more interesting. It needs but little penetration to discover that the two antagonist principles of the old world, are developing themselves daily more and more,—and that the time will soon arrive, when like two gigantic Titans, DEMOCRACY AND ARISTOCRACY, will battle for a world.

Russia is the representative of the aristocratic, as France is of the democratic spirit of Europe. The one makes slaves of the people,—the other looks on them as freemen. The former aims at universal dominion,—the latter, at present, confines herself at home. England, as well as France, and all the liberal governments of Europe, are interested in preventing the extension of Russian despotism; but in the negotiations lately carried on between the allied powers, the British government has been most completely outwitted. She may not see it now;—she may even think France is the one deluded; but as sure as her throne must some day fall, so sure will she wake even sadly to her error.

In connexion with this subject, we have cut the following remarks from the North American, of this city,—a journal which, in its speculations upon foreign affairs, is generally correct and clear. In speaking of Turkey, it remarks:

"That Russia will one day attach the city of the Constantines to her dominions, she has already more than intimated in her encroaching dispositions. She has stepped from the Dniester to the Dnieper, from thence to the Danube, and her next stride will be to the Bosphorus. This step may perhaps be delayed for a time by the jealousy of other powers and the absence of a motive sufficiently powerful, but when the capital of the Ottoman Empire shall cease to serve her as a quiet out-post, subservient to her wishes and bound to her interests, it will be forced into Asia, and may perhaps be compelled to gather up the remnants of its premature age and imbecility in the rude fastnesses, where it first cast aside the swaddling bands of its savage infancy.

The participation of Russia in the quadruple alliance, which has for its professed object the protection of the Porte and the humiliation of the Viceroy of Egypt, furnishes no evidence that she has not this important conquest in anticipation. On the contrary, it is the strongest indication that she has recently given that such is her intention. If Mehemet Ali were permitted to extend his conquests to the Bosphorus, the ultimate objects of the Czar would only be rendered the more difficult. There would then be left no retreat for the Porte; there would only remain the choice of submission to a treacherous friend or a successful rebel. But while the East is open, and constitutes an integral part of the Ottoman Empire, this disgraceful alternative and the desperate resistance it would occasion, may be avoided. That such is the view taken of this question by Russia, and that these are some of the considerations which have induced her to become a party to the present alliance, we have not the slightest doubt.

It may indeed be suggested that tendencies and results, so important as these, could not have escaped the sagacity of England, and that she would have shaped her measures accordingly. But English policy is extremely apt to confine its provisions to the present, and to leave the future to those expedients which the emergency itself may suggest. She destroyed the naval power of the Porte in the battle of Navarino, and is now doing her utmost to resuscitate that power and place it on an enduring basis.

Nor will the intentions of Russia be detected by any probable advances of civilization with the Muscobites. All the reforms that have yet been effected have merely penetrated beyond the dropery of his outward condition. The systems imposed by his prophet still shroud his faith and mould his conduct. He associates his minister politics with his religion, and looks upon every deviation from the example of his devout ancestors as a criminal departure from the spirit and precepts of the Koran. He will therefore take no lessons from the ingenuity and discoveries of others; no instructions from the advanced intelligence and improvements of the age; nor will he suffer even his misfortunes to make him wiser or better. He is too vain to be taught by others, and too indolent to teach himself. Like the dim bird of Egypt, whose stupid stare is taken for the glances of wisdom, he appears to be only the more bewildered by every increasing ray of light."

New Publications.

MERCEDES OF CASTILE; OR THE VOYAGE TO CATHAY.—This long-looked for romance, from the pen of our countryman Cooper, founded on the voyages of Columbus, will be published in a few days by Messrs. Lea & Blanchard. Having been favored with a view of the proof sheets, we do not hesitate to pronounce it, so far as we have read, equal to any former production of the author.

The following extract describes the sailing of Columbus' little fleet on his first voyage. We regret that our space will not permit quotations more at large. The description opens with a conversation between the Admiral, and the wife of one of his sailors:

"I see that thy husband hath been true to his promise, good woman," he said, "and I doubt not that thou hast told him it is wise and better manfully to serve the queen, than to live under the disgrace of a runaway."

"Senor, I have. I give Dona Isabella my husband, without a murmur, if not cheerfully, now I know that you go forth to serve God. I see the wickedness of my repinings, and shall pray that he may be forgiven, as all sinners, until the ears of the Infidel shall be opened to the words of the true faith."

"This is said like a Spanish wife, and a Christian woman! Our lives are in the care of Providence, and doubt not of seeing Pepe, in health and safety, after he hath visited Cathay, and done his share in its discovery."

"Ah! Senor—when!" exclaimed the wife, unable, in spite of her assumed fortitude, and the strong feelings of religious duty, to suppress the impulses of a woman.

"In God's time, my good——how art thou named?"

"Marina, Senor Almirante, and my husband is called Pepe; and the boy, the poor fatherless child, hath been christened Juan. We have no Moorish blood, but are pure Spaniards, and I pray your Excellency to remember it, on such occasions as may call for more dangerous duty than common."

"Thou may'st depend on my care of the father of Juan," returned the Admiral, smiling, though a tear glistened in his eye. "I, too, leave behind those that are dear to me as my own soul, and among others a motherless one. Should aught serious befal our vessel, Diego would be an orphan, whereas thy Juan would at least enjoy the care and affection of her who brought him into the world."

"Senor, a thousand pardons!" said the woman, much touched by the feeling that was betrayed by the Admiral in his voice. "We are selfish, and forget that others have sorrows. When we feel our own too keenly. Go forth, in God's name, and do his holy will—take my husband with you; I only wish that little Juan was old enough to be his companion."

Marina could utter no more, but dashing the tears from her eyes she resumed the oars, and pulled the little skiff slowly, as if the inanimate machine felt the reluctance of the hands that propelled it, toward the land. The short dialogue just related, had been carried on in voices so loud as to be heard by all near the speakers; and when Columbus turned from the boat, he saw that many of his crew had been hanging suspended in the rigging, or on the yards, eagerly listening to what had been said. At the precise instant the anchor of the Santa Maria was raised from the bottom, and the ship's head began to incline from the direction of the wind. At the next moment, the flap of the large square foresail that cradle of her rig then carried, was heard, and in the course of the next five minutes, the three vessels were standing slowly but steadily down the current of the Odiel, in one of the arms of which river they had been anchored, holding their course toward a bar near its mouth. The sun had not yet risen, or rather it rose over the hills of Spain, a fiery ball, just as the sails were set, gilding with a melancholy glory, a coast that not a few in the different vessels apprehended they were looking upon for the last time. Many of the boats clung to the two smaller craft until they reached the bar of Saltes, an hour or two later, and some still persevered until they began to toss in the long waves of the breathing ocean, when, the wind being fresh at the west, they reluctantly cast off, one by one, amid sighs and groans. The liberated ships, in the mean while, moved steadily into the blue waters of the shoreless Atlantic, like human beings silently impelled by their destinies towards fates that they can neither foresee, control, nor avoid.

BURTON'S MAGAZINE, *for November.*—This well known periodical is upon our table, and a beautiful number it is. The embellishment is an exquisite picture of a Tamborine Girl. She stands, facing the bay of Naples, over which the rising sun pours its golden light. The innocent figure of the child, the bold relief of light and shade, the airy vines twining around the columns of the broken portico, and the magnificent landscape lying beneath the Tamborine Girl, form a picture of much merit. The plate is by Graham, after an English copy, and reflects much credit on the engraver.

The literary contents, as in general, are excellent. The Arrest of Andros, is perhaps, one of the best tales in the number. One or two excellent translations add interest to the original selections.

THE CLOCKMAKER, OR SAYINGS AND DOINGS OF SAMUEL SLICK, OF SLICKVILLE—*third series*—1 *vol.—Lea & Blanchard.*—As odd and as philosophic withal, as ever, is Samuel Slick, of Slickville, in this, his third journey with the author. We have not space to enumerate the half of the excellent sayings of the eccentric Yankee Clockmaker; but we beg every reader, at once to turn to chapter twentieth, and peruse the account of old Mr. Slick's courtship. If he does not laugh long and right merrily withal, we shall put him down as some crazy old bachelor, with a face like crab-apples, and a smile like vinegar.

THE CHRISTIAN WORLD—*No. 2.—Edited by the Rev. Thomas H Stockton.*—This excellent monthly is published in a quarto form, on the finest paper, from beautiful type. Its contributors are among the most talented men in the land.

The present number, besides excellent articles from the Editor, boasts of a piece of poetry by G. W. Bethune, D. D., one from Mrs. E. H. Evans, and one from J. N. M'Ilvaine.

As the title imports, the work is intended to advance Christianity.

A NEW SERIES OF MODERN MAPS, which when *finished will form a complete universal Atlas—Part I. containing Maine, and New Hampshire and Vermont.*—Messrs. Tanner & Disturnell propose publishing a new atlas under the above title, and if the remaining parts equal that now issued as a specimen, it will be one of the finest works ever issued in this country. It need only be seen to be patronized. Publishers 124 Broadway, N. York, and 209 Market street, Philadelphia.

MUSICAL REPOSITORY—*No. 1.—Orrin Rogers.*—This is the first number of a pianoody, intended for Sabbath schools. The pieces are chiefly original, with a few excellent selections. The music is printed on one page, with appropriate hymns on the other opposite. We cordially recommend the work, which may be had at No. 67 south Second street.

MASTER HUMPHREY'S CLOCK, No. 14.—*Lea & Blanchard.*—This number keeps up the character of the work, and is embellished with well designed wood cuts. We understand that these enterprising publishers, intend publishing an edition of Master Humphrey's Clock, with steel engravings.

MEMORANDUM OF A LATE VISIT TO SOME OF THE PRINCIPAL HOSPITALS, PRISONS, &c. IN FRANCE, SCOTLAND AND ENGLAND.—This little pamphlet embraces much valuable information, and will be peculiarly acceptable to all of philanthropic mind. We cordially recommend it.

The Carroll Institute.

The course of Lectures before this Institution, commenced on Wednesday evening last, the 18th inst. at the spacious lecture room of the Philadelphia Museum. The society is composed principally of young men, and deserves encouragement. The following gentlemen have consented to lecture before them:

Rev. P. E. Moriarty, D. D.; Robert Hare, Jr. Esq.; Doctor Emerson; Morton McMichael, Esq.; Rev. Constantine C. Pise, D. D. of New York; Christopher Fallon, Esq.; Willis Gaylord Clark, Esq.; George Sharswood, Esq.; David Paul Brown, Esq.; Doctor Mutter; Rev. John Power, D. D. of New York; Joseph R. Chandler, Esq.; George R. Graham, Esq.; Judge Dunn; L. C. Levin, Esq.; C. J. Peterson, Esq.; Rev. Edw. Hourin.

Accident on Boat Arch.

A remarkable incident has just occurred in the Marylebone Infirmary. Ann Dempsey, a young and interesting girl, who had been the support of an aged mother, had gone into the infirmary for the purpose of undergoing an operation for the removal of a dropsical complaint, which had assumed the form of a large tumor. She was warned of the painful and even perilous nature of the operation, but she expressed her resolution to submit to it, owing to the ardent wish that her life might be saved for her mother's sake. The operation was accordingly performed in the presence of her mother and several eminent medical men. It lasted two hours and forty minutes, and the magnitude of the tumor taken from her may be imagined when it contained no less than two gallons and a half of water. Notwithstanding the long and painful operation, singular to relate, this heroic girl never uttered a single cry; but at the conclusion tears were observed rolling down her cheeks, and being desired not to shed them, she replied that "they were tears of joy at her freedom from the incubus which had so long afflicted her."—As she appeared to be in a sinking condition, the medical gentlemen, upon a consultation, decreed a fresh infusion of blood into her veins absolutely necessary. On making inquiries as to whom they could procure to provide the blood, it was ascertained that two men were in an adjoining room, one 25 and the other between 30 and 40 years of age, anxiously awaiting the issue of the operation. Believing them, in the first instance, to be relatives of the poor girl, they were ushered into the room, when it turned out that the eldest was her employer, for whom she worked at shoe-binding, and the other a journeyman in the same employ, both devotedly attached to the unfortunate girl. On being made acquainted with her state, and what was required to be done for the patient, they both simultaneously volunteered to supply the blood from their veins. Much bitterness of feeling and contention between them ensued as to which should do so, which was put an end to by the decision of the surgeons in favor of the youngest, who, baring his arm, with great energy exclaimed, "that he was willing to lose the last drop of his blood to save her life." The blood was then carefully infused from his arm into the veins of the poor sufferer, till the young man fainted from his loss. On this taking place, the elder lover implored permission to supply the remainder, but the girl recovering, it was deemed unnecessary. The poor girl began to improve, and great hopes were entertained of her recovery, but unfortunately these hopes were blasted, for, unknown to the surgeons, she was found to be afflicted with a severe diarrhoea, which increased until it became a confirmed case of cholera, from the effects of which she died on the fifth day after the operation. She was sensible to the last, and the death bed scene is represented as truly affecting.—She expressed a wish to see the young man who had lost his blood for her, kissed him, bade him cut off a lock of her hair, and begged of him to be kind to her mother. She then entered into prayers with the Rev. Mr. Moody, the Chaplain to the workhouse, and in the midst of it expired.

The Society of Friends.

It is the object of a State, or political society where liberty prevails, to make the people's will the ruling principle of government. It is the purpose of a sect or religious society, to secure or promote obedience to the will of God. And it is the aim of classes of people, connected by similarity of circumstances, to aim at the temporal aggrandisement of their own order.

In every country, the principles of the State, the sect and the class—or the politics, religion, and vocation of men, exert an influence on one another, and determine the general course of opinion. At all times some of these elements are in conflict, and it is generally when two of these become paramount over the rest, and contend for mastery, one over the other, that revolutions result.

Perhaps the most prominent sect classes which have been arrayed against each other in modern or in any times, have been those of capital and labor, of persons and property.

In all the civilised Governments of Europe, and of old, no political power was conceded to persons without property. And it was the peculiar and pre-eminent glory of William Penn and his followers, to be the first of all the world to recognize the right of the person without property to be a citizen or a voter. In all the other colonial charters and State constitutions up to the adoption of our present Constitution of the United States, a property qualification was required for electors and officers. Since then many of the States have abolished it, but several still retain that feature. It was from the State and colony of Pennsylvania that the framers of the Federal Constitution borrowed the precept and practice of universal suffrage; and its primitive establishment in Pennsylvania was the effect not only of the peculiar tenets, but the very genius of the Quaker religion.

The evil of riches, and the love of money, have long been topics of discourse with moralists and ministers. But the "Friends" reduced theory to practice, and cut off by their discipline the very objects of avarice. They expressly prohibit superfluity of apparel, of diet, of furniture, and of habitation; and by thus rendering superfluous wealth useless, destroyed all motive for its accumulation. But William Penn and his brother colonists very naturally considered that if property were made indispensable for political privilege and honor, a very strong stimulant of avarice would still remain. They therefore wisely and religiously cut the connection between avarice and ambition. They divested mammon of the dignity of his robes of office, and left him to remain among the fallen angels, "the least erect of all the spirits that fell." How well have the conclusions of philosophy and the history of twenty centuries verified the holy oracle, "that the love of money is the root of all evil." Mammon has been the favorite idol of the world, and has been bloodier than Moloch, viler than Belial, prouder than Lucifer; nay, all the other vices seem at least to lie rendering homage to avarice. Ambition, vanity, and appetite, have all become its parasites. William Penn and his associates drove the money changers out of the temple of liberty, as their great exemplar did out of the temple of religion. And by the Constitution of the Union and most of the States, avarice is no longer recognized as a constituent, much less the supreme principle of Government.

Meteoric Wonder.

On Saturday night last, as noticed in another column, our city was visited by a severe storm of thunder and lightning, accompanied, as some of our editorial brethern will have it, by a slight shock of an earthquake. We confess that we felt nothing of the kind; but are not surprised if both heaven and earth appeared to *reel* before the eyes of some we know of. Neither do we wonder that others saw "meteors in their eyes," accompanied by a strange rumbling in the head.

The following phenomenon is, however, well authenticated, and coming as it does from a disinterested citizen, we are disposed to give it credence. We are indebted for it, to a correspondent of a cotemporary.

"An eye witness of this phenomenon, walking in the neighborhood of Walnut and Schuylkill Fifth streets, about 9 o'clock, was suddenly startled by the rushing of a ball of fire, as large as one's head, within a few inches of the face of our informant, attended, with a strong sulphurous smell, and a sensation of great heat. It exploded on the opposite side of the street, near the square, casting forth scintillations of various colors, with an unusual light, appearing like a rain of fire. A report nearly as loud as a cannon followed. This meteor was witnessed by a few persons. As many heard an unusual sound on that evening, this explanation may account for it."

Storm.

Winter has again been here! We have been visited by a snow storm,—a real, blustering, incessant snow storm, lasting during the whole of last Wednesday.

When we got up in the morning, to our utter surprise, we saw the snow flakes falling heavily from the sky, like feathers do sting to the ground,—while the trees, houses, and even streets without, were whiter than an angel's wing. The passengers, muffled in huge overcoats, and flocked over with snow, were pushing, with heads bent downward, resolutely against the tempest. It was a real winter scene, and we shivered involuntarily.

We have had a snow storm; and it is yet scarcely the middle of November. Some of our friends are already dreaming of merry sleigh rides, and others are rapturously praising the lovely view of fields covered with the new-fallen snow. We never hear one talking them, without this king of the old Scotch stone-mason's saying, why a he read, in Solomon, that "snow is beautiful in its season." "Aye," said he, "no doubt it was beautiful to you, sitting with rich wines and the leaves o' Jerusalem aside you; but had ye been a poir stane-mason, ye would has said no such thing."

A Chinese Prison.

Persons who have money to spend can be accommodated with private apartments, cards, servants, and even luxury, in the prisons of the celestial empire. The prisoners' chains and fetters are removed from their bodies, suspended against the wall till the hour of going the round occurs. After that ceremony is over, the fetters are again placed were they hurt nobody. But those who have not the means of bribing the keepers are in a woful condition. Not only is every alleviation of their sufferings removed, but actually infliction of punishment is added to extort money to buy burnt offerings of paper to the god of the gaol, as the phrase runs. For this purpose the prisoners are tied up, or rather hung up, and flogged; at night they are fettered to a board by the neck, wrists, and ancles, amidst odure and filth, whilst the rats, unmolested, are permitted to know their limbs! This place of torments is proverbially called, in ordinary speech, Teyrack—a term equivalent to the worst sense of the word hell.

Pennsylvania Wheat.

The true wealth of our country is in her agricultural products. We see that 20,000 bushel of wheat, mostly from Pennsylvania, were sold in the Baltimore market on Monday. The American says, "The Tidewater Canal is the channel through which these supplies of wheat, flour, corn, coal, clover-seed, rye, &c. &c. are now reaching this market from Pennsylvania; and it is also the medium which enables our city to send back, in return, the various articles required for the consumption of the agriculturist and miner. A regular towboat system, by which canal boats may be conveyed between Havre de Grace and Baltimore without breaking bulk, is indispensible to the advantageous enjoyment by our city of the trade of Pennsylvania."

Dr. Eldridge.

The jury in this case brought in a verdict of not guilty, after an absence of more than two days and nights.

The accused, however, instead of being released was remanded to prison to await his trial upon other indictments.

Whether the court will ever proceed to enforce those charges against him, after he has thus been acquitted of one of like character by a verdict of his fellow countrymen remains to be seen.

A Startling Fact.

It is stated that the sum annually expended for bread, by the population of Great Britain and Ireland, amounts to twenty-five millions sterling; while the money expended in the United Kingdoms in strong drink, amounts to upward of fifty millions annually: The consumption of gin alone, in these countries, amounts to more than twelve millions sterling, every year.

Political Intelligence.

Ohio Election.

The official returns from this State for Presidential electors, are as follows:—

Harrison,	148,141
Van Buren,	124,180
Harrison's majority,	23,961
Abolition Ticket,	903
In 1836, the vote stood, Harrison,	105,417
Van Buren,	96,916
	8,501

Alabama.

In Mobile county the Harrison ticket received a majority of 432.

Tuscaloosa county gives Harrison 1207, Van Buren 980. Shelby gives Harrison 660, V. B. 350. In Fichiene, Harrison has 1000, V. B. 616. It is stated that Gen. Harrison runs better than Thornton in Greene county, although the vote for the latter shows a gain of 608 over the late election.

Massachusetts.

The reported majority for General Harrison in this State, is 16,330. It is possible, however, that the official returns will somewhat vary the result. Mr. Davis, (Whig) has been elected Governor, by nearly as large a majority, he having received 70,036, and Marcus Morton 54,167 votes. Davis's majority 15,869. A large majority of the Legislature are also Whigs.

Louisiana Election.

The Whig majority so far in Louisiana, is 3638. Five parishes are yet to be heard from, which will somewhat diminish it. The whole number of votes polled in this State, does not exceed 17,000.

The Whigs have elected their Congressmen in every district.

Maryland.

The official returns for Presidential Electors, shows an average Whig vote of 33,522
Average Van Buren do 28,754
Whig majority 4,778

Virginia.

The Van Buren majority, in 100 counties officially heard from, is 1622. The unofficial result in the whole State, is a Van Buren majority of 1403. Nearly 80,000 votes were polled, being 30,000 more than were ever before polled.

Delaware.

The reported majority in this State for Harrison, is 1050. The official returns have not been received, except for New Castle and Kent counties, in which the Whigs have a majority of 623 votes.

Indiana Election.

By reported returns from all the counties of this State, we learn that the Harrison electoral ticket, has received a majority of about 12,000 votes.

Illinois Election.

All the Counties but 16 are heard from. They give a Whig majority of 782. The official returns have not been received, consequently the result may be varied more or less.

Tennessee.

All the counties but five have been heard from unofficially. They give a Whig majority of 12,440.

Michigan Election.

The Harrison electors in this State, have a majority claimed for them of 1500. We have seen as yet, no contradictory accounts.

North Carolina Election.

Twelve counties only have been heard from.—They give a Harrison majority of 3108. There are fifty-four counties yet to come in.

Georgia Election.

The Harrison majority is in the vicinity, according to unofficial returns, of 7500.

Maine.

Full returns have been received from all but nine small districts, which in September gave 303 votes, about equally divided between the two parties. The votes stood, Harrison 43,664, Van Buren 44,213. Harrison's majority 549.

Kentucky.

The majority in this state is even yet uncertain. There is no doubt, however, that it has gone for Harrison. The Whig

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To Correspondents.

A MOTHER'S love shall appear.

The best stanzas of "THE EYE IS A MIRROR," we give at once. It is also the last. Does it not bear some resemblance, however, to "the Angel's Whisper?"

"A fond mother watches her child in its sleep
And she parts the rich locks on his forehead so fair,
While she prays that the angels their vigils may keep
Round her dear little babe who is slumbering there.
On these urbs, then in beauty, that tenderly, roll,
It portrayed the affection which gleams from her soul"

"SELTZNER" is welcome. He improves like good wine, on acquaintance. His verses are given out for insertion. W. is under consideration.

A. L. B. certainly,—at least the first verse. Here it is *verbatim et literatim*.

"Those sparkling eyes 'tis true to say
Possess the most potent sway
To fascinate the fact away
"And deign all sadness from the breast"

Spare us, honest Dogberry. The poetry and spelling are alike invincible.

"M. L. L." will take it kindly of us, when we recommend a little more care. The verses from this correspondent, we always look upon favorably.

Ah! MARON, how are you? Glad to see you, my dear fellow. Hope you left all well at home, ch—the wife, and the bonnie bairns?

Seriously, the "AUTUMN DEATH" is a pretty piece, and shall appear forthwith.

"THE INDIAN'S GRAVE STONE," is under consideration.—The author shall have an answer soon.

"THE KEEPSAKE," shall appear.

"A FRAGMENT, No. 2," shall have an insertion.

"A LIN," geographical enigma, shall appear.

Financial Record.

New Counterfeits.

CUMBERLAND BANK, BRIDGETON, N. J.—1's letter F. 6 various dates. They may be detected better by the letter J. in Jersey, which is reversed, the bottom of the letter turning to the right, or by the word promise, which in the Counterfeit is one-eighth of an inch from the left margin—in the genuine, it almost touches it. A slight examination will readily detect them.

MAINE BANK, PORTLAND, MAINE.—5's letter L. pay to Thomas Danson, January 17, 1840. Filled up with blue ink.

FRANKLIN BANK, GARDINER, MAINE.—Beware of bills on the Franklin Bank, of Boston, broke, altered by substituting the word Gardiner for Boston, and State of Maine printed on the top of left hand corner, and the word Massachusetts scratched out on the bottom edge.

FARMERS' & MECHANICS' BANK, STEUBENVILLE, O.—5's letter A. payable to J. Wilson, dated June 6, 1840. Jno. Andrews, President, D. Moody, Cashier. The general execution good—though the vignette "Goddess of Liberty" is coarse—Paper light and thin.

BUTCHERS' & DRAYERS' BANK, NEW YORK.—20's letter B. payable to G. Ostrander, dated Oct. 1, 1840. D. W. Townsend, Cashier, Geo. E. Smith, President. Vignette, Cattle under a tree, with Railroad cars in the distance. On both ends, the denomination of the note. Purport to be engraved by Rawdon, Wright, Hatch & Co. Signatures stiff and poorly done. Also, 10's spurious; these notes do not resemble the genuine notes in the least. The vignette of the counterfeit represents a steamboat, with the name of Fulton on the wheel-house. The right margin has the word "Ten" extending across it. The left end a train of cars. These will suffice to detect the bill.

BANK OF THE NORTHERN LIBERTIES.—10's letter A. pay S. Starr, dated July 4, 1838; printed with pale ink of a yellow tinge. K. L. Pitfield, Cashier; J. Knight, President. Miserably engraved.

BANK OF WILMINGTON & BRANDYWINE.—1's, letter B. pay to M. Betts, dated March 30, 1840. The Vignette is very poorly engraved; resembling a badly executed wood-cut.—*Bickwell's Reporter.*

DIVIDENDS DECLARED.—The following institutions have recently declared semi-annual dividends, viz: Banks N. Liberties 3 per cent., Commercial 3, Kensington 3, Mechanics 3, Girard 2, Moyamensing 3, Western 2, Penn Township 3, Manufacturers and Mechanics 3, Philadelphia 3, Germantown and Philadelphia Turnpike Co. 1½, Mechanics and Tradesmen's Insurance Co. 2 1-2, Farmers and Mechanics Bank, Reading, 6, Manufacturers and Mechanics Beneficial Soc. In. N. L. 4, Chestnut Hill and Spring House Turnpike Road Co. 2 1-2, Cheltenham and Willow Grove Turnpike, 3, Exchange Bank Pittsburg, 3, Columbia Bank Bridge Co. 2 1-2.

A COUNTERFEITER.—A person named Henry Felty was arrested on Wednesday afternoon, and underwent an examination before the Recorder, on a charge of passing a counterfeit $6 bill of the Wilmington and Brandywine Bank, on a man named Charles Moore. He was bound over in $300.

BANKS OF NEW ORLEANS.—By a statement published in the New Orleans papers of the 31st ult., it appears that the Banks of that city have a capital paid in of $41,763,214; Discounts and Loans, $65,663,267; Circulation, $5,914,031; Specie in vaults, $3,358,236.

NEW COINAGE.—It is reported that the United States Mint is engaged in coining a new dollar. It is said to be smaller than the Spanish, and executed in a superior style.

ALTERED NOTES.—The Boston Atlas cautions the public against Bridgeport (Ct.) Bank bills, altered from one to twenty.

GOOD DIVIDEND.—The Bowery Fire Insurance Company of New York have declared a semi-annual dividend of 6 per cent.

MORE SPECIE GOING.—The packet ship Ville de Lyon, which sailed from New York on Monday for Havre, carried out $100,000 in specie.

From M. Augustine.

Office of the News,
ST. AUGUSTINE, MOR. 6—10 o'clock, M. }

Information has been received in this city from Fort Reid, on the St. Johns, that Col. W. S. Harney, 2d dragoons, had captured twelve Indians, consisting of women and children, last week in that neighborhood. He took from them about 30 blankets, some perfectly new, and a number of pieces of calico, homespun, &c. This plunder is no doubt some that was taken when Indian Key was destroyed by the wretches. Wild Cat, and his party, are still in this neighborhood, and committing depredations daily.

Fort Hannon, about fifteen miles from this city, was burnt almost three days ago. The troops that were garrisoning it (volunteers) had not left it but a few hours, before it was burnt. There were eight distinct trunks discovered around the Fort by the scout who discovered that the place was burnt. One of the trunks was that of a negro, and very large. It is the same party that are daily murdering our people about here headed by Wild Cat, alias Cincoto-hatee.

The steamer Columbus, Capt. Windle, from Havana, bound to Charleston, put in here on the 7th inst. in a leaky condition, being unable to proceed any farther. She has put her cargo on board of the sch. Stephen & Francis, Capt. Magee, consisting of 65 hhds. of sugar, fruit, &c. The steamer is obliged to keep her force pumps going. She leaks very fast. She will be caulked, and proceed in a day or two for your port.

General News.

MELANCHOLY CASUALTY.—The New Orleans Picayune gives the following particulars of a distressing calamity which happened in Springfield, Illinois.—They are extracted from a letter addressed to Mr. G. Carley in New Orleans.

On Sunday, the sixteenth ultimo, the mother, the wife and two children of Mr. Carely, in a two horse carriage, were proceeding to pay a visit to a friend at Springfield, Ill. In attempting to cross a bridge over a small creek, fifteen miles from Mount Carmel—the bridge being some what in a dilapidated condition—the carriage fell off and was upset in the creek, instantly drowning the whole party! The bodies of the wife and youngest child had been recovered, and further search was progressing at the time the letter was written. Thus has a beloved individual been robbed of all his heart held dear, by one sudden and unexpected stroke of misfortune.

THE FLORIDA WAR.—A correspondent of the New York Post remarks that he had received a letter from Fort Fanning, (on the Suwannee River) from a gentleman of intelligence, long connected with affairs in Florida, dated Oct. 27th, which says as follows:

"The two "squaws who went out from Tampa, about the time you left, returned the other day with ten 'buck' Indians, and report that three hundred more are coming in. They are either playing a honey game with the old General, or there are favorable symptoms. The 8th Infantry and Recruits have arrived at Tampa. No other news."

DEATH ON BOARD THE PRESIDENT.—A man by the name of McAvoy, a native of Drogheda, Ireland, died on board the President, during her recent temporary absence from New York, in consequence of injuries received by a fall from the main yard to the deck of that vessel. He survived the accident only three hours, when his body was committed to the deep, in presence of the crew and passengers, the captain reading the services observed at sea funerals. McAvoy had a wife and children in Ireland, to whom he was returning after a long absence.

HITTING ON THE RIGHT IDEA.—We have discovered that Dr. Young and Goldsmith *happened* both to hit on the same idea. Now a-days it would be looked upon as downright plagiarism. For instance

Man wants but little, nor that little long.—*Young.*
Man wants but little here below,
Nor wants that little long.—*Goldsmith.*
New York American.

We see nothing remarkable in this; any man that ever saw a stomach and a grave yard would naturally say as much.

THE TEXAN STEAMER.—It was reported in New Orleans on the 31 inst. that intelligence had reached Campeachy of an accident having happened to the Texan steamer off the bay of Tobasco.—Going into the bay she was taken by a strong norther, got aground and injured her rudder. She threw her guns overboard, and cut away both masts It is said she goes to Campeachy to get repaired.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—We learn from the Rochester Democrat that Captain John Cady, of New London, Oneida county, was severely injured on the 6th inst. at Mr. Ely's wharf, by the collision of his boat with another. The injury was so extensive, and the whole system, so much prostrated, that no reaction could be produced. He died in about seven hours. The deceased has left a wife and child to mourn his loss.

FIRE AND SERIOUS LOSS.—It was not the mansion of Gen. Tallmadge, but the barns belonging to the farm house that were consumed at Berrytown, N. Y. on Tuesday. The grain and about 40 tons of hay, together with five horses belonging to some German laborers who were constructing a road in the neighborhood were burned.

GOING TO THE CAPITAL.—Tustenuggs and Tiger Tail, two Seminole Chiefs intend to pay a visit to the President at Washington during the present month. They agreed to meet the American General Commanding, at Fort Kingston the 7th inst. with 300 of their people, for the purpose of negotiations, and intended thence to proceed to Washington.

WARM, WARMER, WARMEST.—Frazer says, a house with a wife is often warm enough; a house with a wife and her mother is rather warmer than any spot on the known globe, a house with two mothers-in-law is as excessively hot, that it can be liked to no place on earth at all, but one must go lower for a simile.

O. K. OLL KONCLUDED.—Captain Hancox, of the steamer Napoleon, who was put upon his trial in New York on Friday last, for firing a pistol at the Pilot of the steamer De Witt Clinton, during the collision of the rival boats, has been acquitted of the assault and battery charged against him. Here endeth the steamboat disasters.

SUSPICIOUS.—A man was found drowned in the East River, New York, on Saturday last. He was about 5 feet 10 inches high, and thirty-five years of age; his shirt was marked H. A. A bill of exchange was found in his pocket for $699 12, dated, New York, Nov. 23, 1839, payable ninety days after sight, to the order of Mr. M. Schnitzer, and drawn by Ed. Busch.

A SERIOUS LOSS.—A fire occurred in a carpenter shop in Reade street, New York, on last Saturday morning, which, with its contents, was entirely destroyed. The shop was occupied by Mr. Morman, who lost considerable, and all his tools. About $1000 worth of property was destroyed, on which there was no insurance.

A SAFE ROAD.—The Eastern Railroad has been in operation a little more than two years between Salem and Boston, and during that time a *million* of passengers has been conveyed over it, and no accident of any note has occurred, and not one of the number of travellers has ever been injured. So say the Boston papers.

SCHUYLKILL TRADE.—Shipments of Coal for the week ending on Thursday evening last

153 boats, carrying	tons 9,221
per last report	263,161
	272,382

CHARLESTON AND NEW ORLEANS.—The steamship Columbus at New Orleans, has been purchased to run in a line between Charleston, Havana and New Orleans, in connection with the Natchez, thus carrying out a complete line of steam navigation between New York and New Orleans.

GOOD NATURED SOUL.—Anticipating the defeat of Gov. Morton of Massachusetts, to whom he was aide-de-camp, Col. Green, of the Boston Post, significantly published the following brief, but pithy advertisement:—

"*A Uniform for Sale*—Inquire at this office."

TOO RIG TO WORK.—A man with a large family was complaining of the difficulty of maintaining all. "But you have some big enough to earn something, and help you now," said a friend. "The difficulty is, they are too *big* to work," was the answer.

GONE TO HAVANA.—Among those who have recently sailed for Havana, is Grenville Mellen, Esq. favorably known as a poet and man of letters. He is a "temperance" poet, and hence has obtained the *sobriquet* of the "water-sailer."

DARKEE CONVERTED.—Wm. P. Dutton, who killed A. J. Davis, the editor of the St. Louis Argus, on a political quarrel, has been tried, convicted, and sentenced to twelve months imprisonment in the penitentiary.

PHILADELPHIA AND READING RAILWAY.—The whole amount of tolls collected during the year ending Oct. 31, was $281,098 26, viz: railway, $110,948 70, motive power, $90,243 56.

NOVEL CALCULATION.—The national debt of Great Britain is more than a dollar per minute for the time Adam and Eve were in Paradise, by the best accounts, to the present moment—i. e., any time this year.

TREATING.—An exchange paper, remarking that the Florida Indians are about to "treat" again, shrewdly observes that they treat pretty often, but the worst of it is, the whites have to "*stand the shot.*"

DEATH BY POISON.—In Rochester, New York, on Saturday last, a little girl named Ann McArthur died in consequence of taking Oxalic Acid which was given her by some druggist in mistake for Epsom Salts.

CLEAN GONE.—Mr. George, the keeper of the Lights on Plum Island, writes to the Newburyport Herald, that one hundred feet of the Island had washed away since the late storm commenced.

BURNED UP.—On Saturday last a fire broke out in a Grocery store in Worcester, Mass., and consumed in that and adjoining buildings 10,000 dollars worth of property.

MILK.—It is said that a spoonful of horse-radish put into a pan of milk, will preserve the milk sweet for several days, either in the open air, or in a cellar, while other milk will turn sour.

OPENING LECTURE.—Ex-President John Quincy Adams will deliver the opening lecture of the course before the New York Lyceum on the 18th inst.

CAMDEN, N. J.—This city contains a population of 2360.

FIRE AT LAFAYETTE.—We learn from the New Orleans papers that a great fire occurred on the night of the 5th instant, at Lafayette. Not less than fifteen houses were entirely consumed, some frames, and some of bricks. Several indigent families were turned out of doors, with the loss of nearly all their furniture. Several women, frantic with alarm, made their escape from the flames with their infant children wrapped in the blankets snatched from their burning beds.

Mr. John Wall, a carpenter and formerly a member of an Engine Company, fell from the roof of a two story brick building, and struck his head on the banquet, causing a severe concussion of the brain.

The fire is said to have originated from the contact of a lighted candle and a mosquito bar.

FIRE AT NATCHEZ.—Natchez seems to be a devoted city. The New Orleans papers of the 6th instant states that an entire square of twelve buildings was recently burnt at Natchez, under the hill. Property to the amount of at least fifty thousand dollars was destroyed. The following are named as among the sufferers.

D. H. Mobley, store and dry goods, $18,000, insurance $6000; Samuel Cotton, (books and papers saved) $4500; P. N. Falconer, agent for Hawe & Robinson, $4000; Proctor, $2000; Hawkes, $2000; Estate of P. F. Minnick, $4000; Rhodes $1000; H. O'Neil, $2000; D. David, $3000; Dominique, $2000, F. Randolph, $8000; A. Pew, $15000.

A WICKED WRETCH.—The murderer Robert McConaghy, was executed in Huntingdon, Pa., on Friday the 5th inst. He was attended by a clergyman, to whom, at the moment of being swung off, he solemnly asseverated his innocence, declaring that, standing as he did on the very threshold of eternity, he knew nothing of the crime for which he was to suffer. The clergyman withdrew, the drop fell, and the rope broke. The cord was doubled, and just as the officer was preparing to strike away the drop, the wretched man asked for a little time to make an open confession of his crime. It was granted. He confessed his guilt and was hung.

THANKSGIVING DAYS.—Governor Woodbridge of Michigan, has issued his proclamation, setting apart Thursday, the 26th inst., as a day of thanksgiving in that State. In Indiana Gov. Wallace has set apart Thursday the 19th inst. for the same purpose. The same day is to be observed in Connecticut. In New York, Dec. 17th.

The Governor of the Territory of Wisconsin, has issued his proclamation, setting apart the 26th of November, as a day of prayer and thanksgiving.

The Governor of South Carolina has issued his proclamation, setting apart Thursday, the 27th of November, for a similar purpose.

DREADFUL HOMICIDE.—A young man named Hutchinson was murdered at Covington, La. on the 18th ult. by a relative, also a young man, whose name is Jerry Durbin. The latter had married a cousin of the former, but, after separating from her, had married again. His first wife went to live with her cousin, which excited the jealousy of Durbin and led him to perpetrate the foulish act. He shot Hutchinson while returning with his cousin and another lady from meeting. Mr. H. was killed immediately, and the females thrown from their horses, by the discharge of the gun. Hutchinson was engaged to be married.

THE U. S. SCHOONER GRAMPUS.—The following is a list of officers attached to the United States schr. Grampus, bound to the coast of Africa, to sail from Boston the first fair wind.—Lieutenant Commanding, John S. Paine; Lieutenant, Charles Heywood; Acting Master, A. S. Whittier; Surgeon, John T. Mason; Acting Purser, Theodore Paine; Passed Midshipman, John S. Patterson; Midshipmen, A. L. Drake, C. S. Throxmorton, James Lord, Augustus McLaughlin; Master's Mate, Francis Rice.

NEW YORK FIREMEN.—The amount of subscriptions for the family of the late James J. Well, Assistant Engineer, is now $2100, instead of $1200 presented to Mrs. Wells about three months since, by the Southwark Engine Company No. 28. By a resolution of the Engineers, Foremen, and Assistants, adopted on Tuesday night last, the Treasurer was directed to pay over the amount in his hands to Mrs. Wells; as it was found that there were legal difficulties in the way of investing the money as first contemplated.

A COWARDLY ASSASSIN.—We learn from the Charlottesville Advocate that Professor Davis of the University of Va., was shot by an unknown land, with a pistol, in front of his dwelling, on Thursday night about 9 o'clock. The individual who committed the act is said to have been *masked* at the time. The ball was received just below the navel, and is said to have passed around the abdomen down to the fleshy part of the thigh, without entering the cavity. The Professor has since died.

MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT AT SEA.—We take the following from the Exchange Books.—The schooner Emma from New York to Savannah, experienced a severe hurricane from the N. E. on the 4th instant, off Cape Hatteras, shipped a heavy sea which swept overboard five passengers, viz: H. Brown, Frazer, cabin; John Murphy, John Cudlitt, Martin Gorman and John Quigley (steerage). The vessel suffered considerably in mile, rigging, &c.

NAVAL.—The U. S. frigate Macedonia, bearing the broad pendant of Com. Jesse Wilkinson, was towed from Norfolk to Hampton Roads on Sunday morning, wind fresh from N. W. by the U. S. steamer Poinsett, Lt. Com Lynch.

The schooner United States, from Charleston for Jacksonville, put into Norfolk in distress, having sprung aleak in a gale. Her cargo has in part been discharged.

DEAD.—Mason, the brakesman employed on the Camden and Amboy train, who was so severely injured near Lambertson on Tuesday last, by being thrown from a car, died on Friday. The deceased at the time of the accident was on the top of a car, and was thrown across the iron railing, and from thence to the ground. The accident was occasioned by the train running over a cow.

FIRE DEPARTMENT OF BOSTON.—In Boston the number of engineers is 11, of members, 598. The department is provided with 21 engines, 10676 feet of leading and 478 1-2 feet of suction hose, 18 hose carriages, 193 extra buckets, 20 ladders with the necessary tools of all descriptions. The city has 53 reservoirs, holding each 200 to 400 hogsheads, 35 fire plugs from the aqueduct, and 7 wells.

A DISTINGUISHED CHIEFTAIN GONE.—James Cusick, a chief of the Tuscarora tribe of Indians, recently died at the village of Tuscarora, Niagara county, aged 82 years. Cusick served 6 years under General Washington, and his conduct as chief was ever characterized with fidelity. He embraced Christianity many years ago and was of great service as Interpreter. He died in Christian hope.

MAIL ROBBERS.—Wm. T. Gentry was convicted before the United States Court in Milledgeville, Geo., a few days since, for robbing the mail, and sentenced to imprisonment in the penitentiary, at hard labor, for the term of seven years.

Wm. Jordan, a lad, was also convicted of embezzling letters from the mail, in Leo county, and sentenced to ten years' imprisonment at hard labor.

OCEAN STEAMERS.—There are now three steamers on their way from Europe. The British Queen, from London, day of departure the 21 inst., the Columbia, from Liverpool, the 4th, and the Great Western, from Bristol, the 7th. The two first are daily expected in New York.

A DISAPPOINTMENT.—A late number of the Galveston Daily Courier says that a gentleman, of well known geological attainments, has examined the tracts of land reported to contain valuable veins of coal, and they turn out to be nothing but black lignite.

MURDER.—Mr. John Colbert, of Jefferson county, Va., was killed near Shepherdstown, on Saturday last, by a runaway slave, whom he was endeavoring to arrest. He was stabbed several times. The negro escaped.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY.—A citizen of Elizabethtown, Va., returning from Wheeling on Tuesday night, was waylaid at the narrows, bound fast to a tree, and robbed of about six hundred dollars in eastern funds. Some arrests have been made of suspicious persons.

INCENDIARIES.—The Mayor of New York offers a reward of one hundred dollars, for the apprehension of the villains who recently fired the workshop of Mr. James McGrigg of that city.

WINTER QUARTERS.—The line of battle ship North Carolina has been removed from the North River ship-yard to the Brooklyn Navy Yard for the winter.

DISTRESSING CASUALTY.—At Madison, Indiana, on the 31st ult., two children of Mr. Absalom Waltz, of Pocasaw, Ohio, fell from a steamboat into the Ohio and were drowned.

A WRETCH.—A man, named James A. Baker, was committed to prison, in Rochester, on Wednesday last, for an attempt to poison his wife.

PERILOUS ESCAPE.—The Troy, N. Y. Mail states that on Saturday evening, a portion of the hill a few rods south of the great slide, near Mount Ida, came down with a frightful noise, and entirely destroyed a dwelling, with its out houses, occupied by a colored man and wife, with four children. They had scarcely left the house, before the earth struck it, carried it some rods and destroyed it. The escape of this family was miraculous, as the night was dark, and the hill had threatened to come down for some time. The slide extended some hundred rods in length, but part of it which started, still hangs suspended in mid air.

SOUTH AMERICA.—A letter from Montevideo, dated September 6th, states that a petition signed by all the merchants and a number of highly respectable citizens of the United States, has been forwarded to Commodore Ridgeley, at Rio, praying that one of our vessels of war be permitted to remain near this port, for the protection of commerce, during these troublesome times; and should disturbances occur in the northern provinces of Brazil, which appears to be anticipated, our naval forces on the Brazil station would be found insufficient for the protection of American interests.

HACKS AGAINST CARS.—A gentleman just arrived in New York a few days since, stepped into a cab at the steamboat landing, when a furious attack was made upon the vehicle by the opposing hackmen who broke in the windows and came very near putting the unfortunate passengers eyes out by the fragments of the glass. We advise travellers to that city to join the police in putting a stop to such outrages, by never taking a coach when a cab can be found.

LOSS OF THE BRIG ANTELOPE.—The schooner Caroline, Capt. Brooks, arrived on the 11th inst. at Washington, N. C. from New York, having picked up, floating on a long boat, in the Gulf Stream, the first mate, crew and several passengers, (ten in number,) of the brig Antelope, of Philadelphia The brig foundered the day before, carrying down with her the captain, second mate, and two passengers. She was bound from Philadelphia to Florida, with government stores.

NEW CARE.—The New Yorkers are beginning to make improvements in the fashion of this vehicle already. A couple of new ones have just been finished by Mr. Eaton, which have the driver's seat behind and the door in front. They are said to be the neatest things of the kind ever manufactured either in Paris, London, or New York.

BRANDY IN WATER.—The Baltimore Sun says that the editor of the Kent (Md.) News, had a very narrow escape from drowning a few days since. He was somewhat in the situation of Bryan O'Lynn, when "the bridge broke down and they all fell in!"—A bridge fell with him, but his buoyant *spirit* it is supposed kept him from sinking.

A LOAFER.—The following is the best definition of a loafer we have yet seen:

"A person who begs all the tobacco he uses—knows more people than are acquainted with him, when he meets them—often looking at his borrowed watch to see the time, and takes the papers six months and then tramps."

NORTH EASTERN BOUNDARY.—A New York paper announces as in the press, An Essay on the Boundary Question, from the pen of Mr. Gallatin. It is entitled "The right of the United States of America to the North Eastern Boundary claimed by them." The work will be illustrated by eight maps, and it is to be issued in a few days.

FIRE AT LOUISVILLE, KY. by which five buildings, be-side back buildings were destroyed, the most valuable of which was Mr. Brooks' mach. shop. His loss is estimated at from two to three thousand dollars—no insurance.

LABOR SAVING MACHINE.—A machine is now in active operation in New York, which performs the labor of one hundred men in cutting and finishing staves. It was invented by a gentleman named Law. This is truly a "staving business," and will no doubt cause many a cooper to exclaim "Oh Law!"

Foreign Varieties.

BLACK PAINT INJURIOUS TO WOOD.—An interesting essay was recently read to the London Society of Arts, which contains some valuable hints to ship owners—the exterior outlet of which, is not in general, very injurious to the wood on which it is laid. He says that any one who will observe a ship that has been for some time in a tropical climate will see the proof. "It will be found that the wood round the fastenings is in a state of decay, while the white work is as sound as ever, the planks that are painted black will be found split in all directions, while the frequent necessity of caulking a ship in that situation, likewise adds to the common destruction, and I am fully persuaded that a coat of painted white will be preserved from decay, pertaining as long again if exposed to the weather, as a piece printed black, especially in a tropical climate."

DIED OF GRIEF.—The foster brother of Prince Louis Napoleon's mother, whose name is Rousseau, recently died at Constantine, in consequence of the failure of the Prince's late attempt at Boulogne. He was seized with a nervous fever the moment he heard of it, took to his bed, and died shortly after. He kept his eyes constantly fixed on a portrait of Prince Louis till he died.

THE EARL OF DURHAM.—We observe by a statement in the English papers, that the will of this nobleman, formerly Governor General of Canada, leaves to his widow his whole estate, real and personal, without reserve or control.

Odd Notions.

A daily contemporary of our city, in an article on "the house a man built in his own country," thus quaintly remarks on the dislike of some persons to see a woman eat.

It has been said by an old writer, that he who truly loves a woman should never sit down with her at table, as the act of eating, though a very natural and necessary one, as almost every body finds out now-a-days that has to go to market with a big basket, and a little purse, is from its very grossness, and earthliness, an antidote to sentiment, and a deadly foe to that "delicate passion." We cannot entirely agree, ourselves, with this opinion, for we have rather a vulgar love for a good dinner, and like to see a woman put something else besides wheleborn or steel, beneath her "jacket;" but the argument is correct in a general sense and very pertinently illustrates Mrs. Malaprop's axiom, that "too much freedom breeds disease." It is true that a woman with a potatoe in her mouth, a piece of fat meat, or an apple dumpling, is not exactly at the time, the most lovely object in creation; still it gives us an idea of life, of health and of appetite, which we infinitely prefer to the picturesque, or the romantic.

Smoking a Segar.

We have heard at sundry times of smoking hams, and have often heard folks excoriate a smoky chimney, but, until the present moment, we did not imagine it possible the prodigious process could be practicably made use of, to alter the opinion of a segar. It seems that when the jury in a late important case tried in the Court of General Sessions, retired, they stood 11 to 1 for his acquittal. This one, stood "military and alone" in his opinion, a refractory, and crooked disciple. His companions, seized at what they deemed his obstinacy, sought out some means of annoying him, and finally discovered that he alone smoked a segar. Forthwith each armed himself with a bundle of Havanas, and at it they went, puff, puff, puff, day, and night, until the room resembled a den of darkness, and the fog might have been cut down into slices, dried, and put away, for domestic consumption. In vain, No. 1, coughed, talked, swore, begged, intreated, and at length, went on his knees to his tormentors. They were inexorable. It was his pleasure to stand out, it was their's to smoke. Human nature could not stand it. He gave in, and the supposed culprit was acquitted. Truly the old proverb well saith, "there are more ways of choking a dog than by giving him melted butter."

Accommodating.

We are that an accommodating fellow, with more genius for pennies than poetry, advertises in the Harrisburg papers that he has opened an office for the registry of old maids wanting husbands, and forty youths in search of a polishing medium. He says—"N. B.—Should there be any rich matches made, the charges will of course be very high, on the country, should the parties be poor, the charges will not be more than a good slice of cake. Secrets strictly kept."

And he winds up with the following superb bit of doggerel—

So come on all you men who are wanting of wives,
Too bashful to ask, all the days of your lives,
You now have a chance to change your sad lot,
Pray don't let it slip but come into my plot.

Likewise all you women that don't hate the men,
A chance like the present you may never have again
Then come and embrace it and I'll venture a song,
You'll have little responsibles before very long

Steamboat Collision Case.

The Signal says that the indictment against Captain Rae, master, and Mr. Gibson, pilot of the De Witt Clinton, for wilful mischief in running into the steamboat Napoleon, in June last, came on for trial last Thursday, before the Court of Sessions, and occupied the undivided attention of the Court up to the hour of adjournment, at 3 o'clock. At the meeting of the Court at half after 4 o'clock in the evening, it was agreed to submit also to the consideration and decision of the same jury, the indictments against Capt. Hancox, of the Napoleon, and Mr. Lewis, the pilot of the same boat, for a wilful mischief against the De Witt Clinton, at the same time with the collision above mentioned. And after the examination of Capt. Roe, J. C. Hart, and Thurlow Weed, Esqrs. on behalf of the De Witt Clinton, the District Attorney suggested to the learned counsel on both sides, that as no wilful mischief and no premeditated intention to injure each other's boat appeared on either side, it was unnecessary to proceed further in hearing testimony—and that the case had better be submitted to the jury under the charge of the Court. This opinion the Court coincided, and, without the summing up of counsel, charged the jury, who, without leaving their seats, pronounced verdicts of NOT GUILTY in favor of the officers of both the De Witt Clinton and Napoleon. The only case yet to be tried in this matter is that of Capt. Hancox of the Napoleon, for firing a pistol at the time of the collision, at the pilot of the De Witt Clinton.

Steamboat Disaster.

We learn, from the South, on Sunday the 25th ult. the most steamboat Leroy, plying between Chattahoochee and Iola, collapsed her flue, near Blountstown, on her passage down the river, states the St. Joseph Times, killing the captain, engineer, two white firemen, the steward, a free man of color, and a passenger, supposed to be Mr Daniel Rowlett of Apalachicola, and badly burning the 2d pilot and a negro woman.

The explosion was most terrific, blowing large fragments of the boat two hundred yards from the river. The pilot at the wheel was blown nearly one hundred yards up the river, with the chimneys and parts of the wheel-house; he swam out, however, without sustaining any injury. The berth occupied by Mr. Alston was torn to atoms and he was thrown on his feet into the middle of the cabin. Captain Tupper, a passenger in an opposite berth, was knocked out and came too, with his head on the floor and his feet on the opposite side of the boat. Mr. Rowlett, the passenger in the boat under him, has never been seen. The mail and one trunk are all that was saved, as the boat was immediately wrapped in flames and consumed in ten or fifteen minutes. The boilers of the boat were in an unsafe condition, though the accident occurred through the carelessness of the engineer, who is said to have been drunk—there was no water in the boilers.

Late from Montevideo and Buenos Ayres.

The ship Bruton, Captain Adams, has just arrived at Boston from Montevideo, whence he sailed on the 13th of September last.

She brings intelligence that Buenos Ayres was still blockaded by the French on the 5th of the same month. That day closed the 993d of the blockade. All parties were looking for the arrival of Admiral Rosalin, from France.

Internally nothing extraordinary had taken place. Tavalla had joined in the Province, and Rosas had stationed his forces about five leagues from Buenos Ayres. From appearances, however, it was not likely that a battle between them would soon take place.

The progress of the invaders is reported to have been attended with so many and so revolting atrocities, that, for the sake of humanity, it is to be hoped there is exaggeration in the detail.

Treasury bills in circulation on the 1st instant, 4,985,000 dollars.

The U. S. ship Marion, 16 guns, captain William J Belt, sailed from Buenos Ayres Sept. 3d, for Montevideo, with the lady of Alfred M. Slidell, Esq. consul to the United States, and daughter, Miss Agnes Slidell, on board, as passengers, on their way to the United States.

Stop Thief.

The "Crescent City," (New Orleans,) of the 6th, announces the startling fact that on the day before, a most audacious robbery was committed on St. Charles street. A man pretending to be intoxicated, laid down in the middle of the street, just as an alarm of fire was raised. A fire engine which came thundering along at that moment, went at full speed down his breast. The unfortunate man was killed like lightning. Although the cry of "stop thief" was instantly raised, he fairly escaped, and neither the man or the engine have since been heard of. The fire company has offered a reward of $200, for the apprehension of the thief, and the recovery of their machine. The police officers are requested to be on their guard They can easily detect the man, because thirty-six feet of the hose, which he was unable to swallow, is supposed to be still dangling from his mouth.

Interesting Occurrence.

We regret to learn that two men were dreadfully maimed by the premature discharge of a cannon, in the town of Wolford, Conn., on Thursday last. One of them, Mr Constant Webb, lost both hands; the other, Mr. Loveman Hill, lost one hand, which was blown off short at the wrist. The latter gentleman had his right arm amputated the same night, and was supposed to be doing well, but he died at 12 o'clock. Mr. Webb, at the same time, had both arms amputated between the elbow and shoulder, and it is thought he may possibly survive. A son of Mr. Philo Parker had one of his eyes so severely injured by the explosion that it is feared it is entirely lost. The accident occurred during the celebration of a Whig victory. A subscription, in aid of the surviving sufferer and the family of the deceased, was opened in the evening at the meeting house, and six hundred dollars obtained almost immediately.

Feeding Swine.

The Eagle, a paper which is printed at Tippecanoe, Lafayette County, Indiana, says that two brothers, who are farmers, raised this season, on their farm in that county, 35,000 bushels of Corn. The N Y Tattler remarks that as "labor commands a high price in that quarter, the hogs are taught the use to help the farmer, by consuming the corn in the field; and when well fattened, walk themselves off to Cincinnati, or wherever the market may happen to be, without nothing to do but pocket his cash for them and go home. So goes the world. In one corner of it food not for want of consumers—in other places, consumers not for want of food."

SICKNESS IN FLORIDA.—The Territory of Florida, in the neighborhood of Apalachicola river and the streams emptying into it has been very unhealthy the last season. The diseases have been of a much more malignant character than those usually incidental to the summer.

A SUSPECTED SLAVER.—The ship Ceylon, arrived at Boston on Sunday from Manilla, left at St. Helena, barque Junior, Gibbetts, of New York, sailed by H. B. M. brig Dolphin, on suspicion of being concerned in the slave trade.

ALMANAC.

Nov. 1840.	SUN RISES.	SUN SETS.	MOON RISES.	MOON'S PHASES.
21 SATURDAY,	7 11	4 49	12 2	
22 SUNDAY,	7 12	4 48	12 53	
23 MONDAY,	7 13	4 47	1 11	D. H. M.
24 TUESDAY,	7 14	4 46	2 1	
25 WEDNESDAY,	7 15	4 45	2 55	First 2 8 3
26 THURSDAY,	7 15	4 45	3 42	Full 9 10 50
27 FRIDAY,	7 16	4 44	4 23	Last 16 2 57
28 SATURDAY,	7 17	4 43	5 21	New 23 9 11

Philadelphia Post Offices.

Arrivals and Departures of Mails.

Eastern arrives at 12 A. M.	Eastern closes at 4 P. M.
New York at 9 A. M. and 6 P. M.	New York at 3 A. M. and 4 and 8½ P. M.
Southern, 12 A. M.	Southern closes at 10 P. M.
Western, 3½ A. M. & 3½ P. M.	Western at 3 A. M. & 3½ P. M.

Married,

By the Rev. Mr. Kennard, on the

THE OLIO.

Variety's the spice of life,
That gives it all its flavor.

From the New Orleans Picayune.

Mr. Carlyle's Bulletin Unofficial.

"Open every day, Egyptian Hall, Piccadilly."

Well, then and Bulwer! hands and knees!
Enter the whole family;
And what a lot of relations
Come ev'ry day to see—
The Jenkinses, and Rankins,
Robbins, and gentry,
All rush to Piccadilly, and
Pick Mr. Carlyle's pockets!

"Oh, Mr. Jenkins! look my hat—
This school-room—delightful!
I don't know when I've been so pleased,
The fine thing is so frightful;
Lord, what a caption people's faces
Assumeward be;
I wish they'd don't come five times, for,
They'd be as sure to see."

Well, round "Egyptian Hall," they go,
Admirin' up and down;
The strucks of rid and yellow, we
The Nave hoved and bowed;
And now the door is opened, and
Then comes Mr. Carlyle;
And then you hears an Indian whoop—
And jingles' and a cackle!

"Oh, goodness, gracious! bless my soul!
Do only look, my dear;
There is a lion case—lo! lion pass—
I wouldn't go too near;
The savage Injun! what a size—
His shall all shaved and cut;
And then 'tes full of feathers as
Is growin' in his head!"

Well, first the savage Injun goes
A strollin' round about;
And never his eyes wan way is as he
Gives do, instead of our;
And now and then he gives a start,
And now and then a yell;
And no one ever used an in-
Vite do it half so well.

Well, then the savage Injun gives
A jump upon the table;
And ev'ry one's a wonder just
As hard as he is able;
And Mr. Carlyle turns him round,
And shows off all his motions;
And tells the Britin "best sculpin" and
Some other Injun notions.

Now that 'an shewing out's of
An very long for nation;
A child of nature, he has got
A wife for observation;
The gentleman's a "model," with
A figure, brown, and nose;
And *also for books*, or stands for In-
Dian or nothing goes!

A very fine nate his nam too,
Suppose a leg or arm;
A skillin' for a foot, and one
May write without elbow;
Then grab and legs always is
That found in a mill;
One one is a is dumb, and
Further they shows poor hand! SPARWS.

Bread on Jeffers.

A young man on crutches, named George Godfrey, was charged with having stolen three half-quarter loaves out of the basket of a journeyman baker.

The baker, it appears, had left his basket, which contained a number of loaves, in one part of the street, in a very poor and populous neighborhood, while he went to another to serve some customers; and the prisoner whipped out three half-quarter loaves, slipped them under his coat, and was hobbling away, when the baker, who, on returning to his basket, missed the bread, caught him and charged him with the robbery.

Alderman Gibbs asked the prisoner how it happened that one half did not satisfy him?

The prisoner said that he had just purchased the loaves in Bishopsgate-street.

Alderman Gibbs.—What, the whole three? You didn't mean to eat them all in one day?

The Prisoner.—No, sir; but I am obliged to eat nothing but bread because I have a bad asthma on my lungs, and the doctors say that meat won't do for me.

Alderman Gibbs.—But why buy so much?

The Prisoner.—To have it stale. (A laugh.) As I am allowed to eat nothing but bread, I always lay up a lot of it.

Alderman Gibbs.—But you must not lay it up in this way. Now, as I don't think that bread is the best remedy for an asthma, we'll try a little of the medicine of Bridewell.

The Prisoner.—That won't cure it.

Alderman Gibbs.—It may cure the disease of dishonesty. At all events it will caution others.

Committed for a month.

THE SUN NEWSPAPER.—A young lady, who was in the frequent habit of borrowing the Sun from a gentleman in her neighborhood, stepped into his house a few mornings since as usual, all blooming and beautiful. "Mr. ——," she asked, "will you be so obliging as to lend me your *Sun*?" Before he could reply, his son J. who had the paper in his hand, stepped up to the young lady and said, "here I am at your service, Miss ——." She blushed—what young lady would not in such a case? She smiled—could she do less in view of such an offer? The paper was handed to her, she took it and fled, as any young lady might be expected to do, who wanted time to make up her mind. How she decided we cannot say; but she has not failed since to call at the gentleman's house every morning to borrow the Sun. We shouldn't be surprised to learn, one of these days, that she had borrowed both his *Sun* and his son, and forget to return either of them.

ANSWER TO A DUN.—A creditor in New York a few days since received the following quaint sentimental letter from his debtor, who had been reminded that his note had arrived at maturity:—

"Dear Sir,—If payable mouse ole to guy,
(That is dose, I, indeed, am unable to say,)
I of course shall be able to meet your demand,
Which is payable soon, as I understand:
But Fortune is oft changeable, you know,
And quite variable affairs here below;
But still if my mouse will enable me, I
With claims honorable and just, will comply;
Those shyers miserable must now have an end:
I remain,
My dear sir,
Your unchangeable friend.

Sept. 4, 1840."

CAUSE OF CONJUGAL QUARRELS.—For Pope's exquisite good sense take the following, which is a master-piece. "Nothing hinders the constant agreement of people who live together but mere vanity—a secret insisting upon what they think their dignity or merit, and an inward expectation of such an over-measure of deference and regard on account to their own extravagant false scale, and which nobody can pay, because none but themselves can tell readily to what pitch it amounts to." Thousands of houses would be happy to-morrow if this passage were written in letters of gold over the mantel-piece, and the offenders could have the courage to apply it to themselves.

THE ADVANTAGE OF EARLY TRAINING.—The following dialogue is reported to have occurred at the Queen's county assizes, between a medical witness and a barrister:

Mr. Hayes, (the barrister.) If a person lying on neat straw were deprived of all the comforts or necessaries of life, would it not hasten death?

Dect. Edge.—That would greatly depend on whether they had been accustomed to them.

Mr. Hayes.—Do you mean to tell us that if a person lived in a hovel, it would not be injurious to him?

Doctor Edge.—I think not, if he had lived for 60 or 70 years in it.

SOUND SENSE.—A judge of the Court of Session, well known for speaking his mother tongue in its broadest accent, as well on the bench as in common discourse, on a particular occasion was addressed by a barrister, equally noted for the elegance and purity of his style, as his Lordship was the reverse, who opened the case of his client to the following words:—"My Lord, the pursuer, my client, is an itinerant violin player."—"What that?" said his Lordship; in that what ye ca' a blin' fiddler?" "*Vulgarly so called*," said the lawyer.

Wrinkles for the Literary Dressing-Pool.
"*I Know Them.*"

Quick quite my dear man, let me hear those wrinkles which
Gives them.
Which tell me that I am beloved, university the! In
Longings but fickly death pursuit; the lay which over me
stands,
As the soft music of my cause, the blissful truth revealed;
That I am to the object of so pure a love as thine,
And that some image dwells within thy young affectionate
shrine.

The memory of this hour shall be, as with a diamond
traced
Upon the tablets of my heart, and we're one be effaced.—
When far away from home and friends, depressed with
care and grief,
The sweet remembrance of the love, that darkness will
illume;
As with a talisman, it will gild my path, however dense,
Shedding its bold and hallowing ray, my wishtale to
chase!
And no temptation's force assailin, my constancy can
move,
Since I possess a talisman in thy unchanging love. S.

From the Philadelphia Courier.

Cruising in the Last War.

No. XV.

"Once more upon the waters! yet once more!
And the wave bound beneath me as a steed
That knows his rider. Welcome to their roar!"
Childe Harold.

Gibraltar.

There in a cliff, whose high and beetling head
Looks fearfully in the confined deep. *Lara.*

The success of our attack upon the pirates brought us into port with no little eclat. My own adventures while their prisoner excited considerable attention, and for a while our story was looked upon as almost incredible. The miserable prisoners whom we had saved alive from that terrible conflict suffered, in a southern port, the due reward of their crimes.

On reaching my lodgings one evening, a few days after my arrival in Philadelphia, a servant handed me a packet, sealed with a coat of arms, and post-marked in England. I opened it eagerly. My hopes were realized on reading the signature. It was from Mr. Thornton. The letter was dated months back, and had lain some time in the English port. Never shall I forget my sensations as I perused it. Every sentiment glowed with the warmest gratitude, and it must have been indeed a heart of adamant which could have remained unaffected by the fervor of its tone. It earnestly pressed upon me a visit to England. What could I do? My heart pleaded in favor of the scheme; I would be at liberty now if ever to prosecute it; and more than all, there was no resisting a second invitation, in the shape of a postscript, in a certain dear hand, couched within the most maiden-like and delicate terms, bidding me not to forget old friends and "Isabel." My eyes swam, my brain grew giddy with joy as I read those lines, dearer in that moment to me than all I had besides. I pressed the dear handwriting to my lips. In a fortnight I was ready to sail, and had already engaged my passage from New York, when I received a despatch one night from Washington, nominating me to a temporary office of some trust, which would require me to sail for the Mediterranean in three days, in the United States Frigate ——. The duty was an honorable one; would soon be performed; and after its execution would leave me free to prosecute my journey to England. Besides this the offer was couched in terms which hardly admitted a refusal. I had been, just before the war, on the Mediterranean station as a midshipman, and hoping to have it in my power to render an unexpected service to one high in rank in the capital to which I was now destined, it was thought, and with justice, that my services would be more effective than those of any other whom government might select. I had no alternative, therefore, but to accept the appointment so flatteringly made. A few days sufficed to obtain my instructions, and within the contemplated time I was once more at sea under my country's flag. As my mission was a special one, and as government wished it also to be kept secret, I went out simply as a passenger, and without any show of rank.

Our voyage was interrupted by nothing of any moment until we reached Gibraltar. The view of this celebrated fortress, as you enter from the Atlantic, is at once imposing and grand. The rock rising boldly from the sea—the frowning battery environing it—the entrance to its huge caverns just seen in the distance—the tongue of land connecting it with the city beyond, the white walls of the town in the background, and far away on the horizon the blue hills of Spain, stretching on and on over that land of story and romance. What a hale of glory surrounds that grim old fortress! Far ages it has stood there, lifting its proud crest to heaven, and defying even time itself, careless alike of the shocks of battle, the stratagems of treason, the thunder, the whirlwind, or the earthquake. What deeds have been done within sight of its heary head! From the days of the fabled Hercules to the era of Count Julian, and the terrific siege it underwent in the French war, it has been the scene of a thousand legends, and the witness of a thousand conflicts. Standing there, on the verge of the old world, and looking out—a grim old sentinel—upon the waste of waters beyond, it is no unapt emblem of the spirit of the past, watching, with stern solemnity, the ever-hidden future.

The garrison at the fortress was, at this time, unusually large, and a number of English men-of-war lay at anchor in the harbor. Although the civilities of our respective flags were mutually interchanged between the frigate and our late hostile neighbors, and though Lord ——, the English commander, as well as the captain of our forty-four, made every exertion personally to soften down the asperities of our intercourse, yet among the men, and even among some of the officers on both nations, the old feelings of hatred, engendered by the war, still controlled their conduct to such an extent as to cause some fears lest their daily petty quarrels should eventually end in some fierce outbreak. The efforts, however, of our respective superior officers prevented any such catastrophe.

The first lieutenant of our ship had nearly been the innocent cause of bringing to naught all these precautions. He was as brave a man as ever drew a sword. Originally from Vermont; tall, long and sharp featured; with an accent that never lost its provincialism, and a manner that never became polished, he was, nevertheless, as fine a specimen of a daring naval officer as ever trod a quarter-deck. With all this, however, he was one of the most modest men alive. In the society of ladies especially, he was completely "*de trop*." The very idea of visiting there him into a cold sweat, which lasted till the torture was over, by his refusal to go, or by the performance of the penance. His personal appearance, embodying completely an Englishman's notion of the detested Yankee, made him peculiarly unpopular ashore, and subjected him to one or two personal encounters in which, however, he always came off the victor. One of these—in which he killed two sailors who waylaid him—raised his reputation to such a height as to meet the ears of the English admiral.

We had been some days at Gibraltar, when the admiral gave a ball, to which all the foreigners of any note, present in the port, were invited. Among others were the captain and several of his officers. The lieutenant was particularly requested to be present, for his fame had already reached the ears of the admiral's lady, who felt a curiosity to behold the much-talked-of hero. It was long, however, before the unwonted subject of all this manœuvering could be persuaded to accept the invitation, and the strongest arguments of his superior officer had to be brought into play before a consent could be won from the expected ghost.

The morning of the ball dawned at length. It was a bright and beautiful day, such as flings a halo of enchantment around that rice-clad land. Far away to the east stretched the blue waters of the Mediterranean; behind us rose up the dark and frowning battlements of the eternal rock; on the opposite horizon lay the vast continent of Africa, with its pathless deserts beyond, and far away to the west, stretching past the keenest vision, the broad Atlantic rolled away into the horizon. The surface of the sea here and there dotted with sails; the sea-birds wheeling on the wing above, or settling in flocks on the strand; the white curls of the billows, the eternal heaving of the respiring deep, the low, hoarse sound of the morning breeze across the waters, combined to form a picture which was beautiful and soothing in the extreme. As I gazed upon the prospect a noble ship appeared rounding the promontory ahead, her clouds of snowy canvass rising majestically from her decks, as the stalk along steadily before the light breeze, entirely cutting the waters beneath her bows, and seeming like some beauteous spirit of the sea moving, as if by magic, along the face of the deep. As she came within the usual distance a stream of fire shot from her side, a puff of smoke wreathed around the port-hole, sweeping slowly away across her decks, and then a report of a gun followed, booming across the silent waters, and waking a thousand echoes from the far off hills. Directly her anchor dropped, her sails were furled, she swung round with the current, and, in a few moments, a boat left her side filled with passengers, among whom the forms of more than one female could be discovered.

"A pocket from England," said Captain —— approaching me from his cabin.

I paid him the salutations of the morning, and soon forgot in an animated conversation, the arrival of the English packet.

With evening came the ball; and a gayer party never left the old frigate's decks than the one which set out from her that evening. The lieutenant was tricked out in his best uniform; but the poor fellow looked nervous and frightened. The rest of us were in high spirits. Our laughter was loud and long, and we reached the door of the entrance room in the best of moods. As we were about being ushered in I turned to look at the nervous lieutenant, and if ever human being reminded me of a lamb about to be led to the slaughter pour M—— did then.

The room was crowded to excess, and for a few moments I lost sight of the lieutenant, while I paid my respects to the admiral's lady. I noticed, however, that he did not follow in the suite of the captain, and turning round to ascertain the cause, I found that he had already retreated to a corner, where he stood, in a state betwixt bewilderment and fear, looking straight before him. His tall, gaunt figure; his look of patient resignation, not unmixed with nervous dread; his whole "*tout ensemble*" in short was most ludicrous. I approached him, and to relieve him, began a conversation on various topics, although I could scarcely refrain from laughing at his nervousness. In a few minutes the admiral and the captain approached, and the lion of the evening was presented in due form to his host. This he bore very well, for the English officer adroitly turned the subject on naval matters, and his guest even became in some measure composed.

"But by the bye," said the admiral, with a bland smile, "you have not yet been presented to Lady ——, I believe—will you allow me to be the master of ceremonies?"

If it had been possible for the poor fellow to turn paler than death he would have done so in sheer fright at such a proposition. The admiral's lady was at the other end of the vast room, and to traverse it along with Lord ——, with every eye in the apartment upon him, required more nerve on the part of my friend than to face a battery of a thousand guns.

"Why—y—really—you—a—must—" stuttered out the abashed lion.

"Confound it," whispered the captain twitching his lieutenant by the arm, "go along—for the honor of the flag, don't be afraid even of an army of women."

The poor fellow turned an imploring, despairing look upon his superior, but finding that it was expected of him that he should go, he grasped the arm of the captain with one hand, and that of the admiral with the other, and with lips rigidly compressed, and a step as desperately firm as if he was marching to his execution, he proceeded across the thronged apartment, to where the admiral's lady stood, surrounded by a cynosure of all the beauty and gallantry of the evening. Making directly for the centre of the throng, the admiral separated the crowd on either side, and while every eye was turned upon his protegee, he stepped up to his lady, and formally introduced poor Mr. ——. The lieutenant's cheek first turned red and then pale, as, conscious of his prominent situation, he stammered out a few words to the lady of the house, and then began nervously to edge away from the group. But his fame had preceded him, and escape was impossible. It had got noised abroad that he was the celebrated Yankee lieutenant, and fiction, as usual in such cases, had stepped in to swell the rumor, attributing to him feats almost incredible. No sooner, therefore, was his presentation over to Lady ——, than a dozen fair ones were urgent for an introduction, and M—— saw, with horror-struck face that all retreat was cut off, unless he ran the gauntlet of more than half a score of ladies, nodding with plumes, covered with jewels, and rich in satins of the costliest kind. The idea made the cold drops of perspiration start out upon his brow—he looked to the right and the left—but every where he beheld himself surrounded. His eyes swam, his brain spun around, his knees tottered beneath him. He would have marched up to the mouth of a cannon sooner than have faced this new enemy. He turned to me with an imploring look, ludicrous even in its agony. At this instant the admiral again approached with their protegee upon his arm, whom he presented to the lieutenant, at the same moment that his lady approached from the opposite quarter with the like design. He had scarcely, therefore, made his bow to the one, before he heard the musical voice of Lady ——, soliciting his attention for a moment, and turning quickly around, in a state of the most laughable nervous excitement, he stumbled over a servant, who at that moment was just entering with a tray. The crash of a score of glasses followed to the consternation of the poor victimized lieutenant. He was in despair. Despite the high breeding of the guests, a suppressed smile on their countenances could not be checked. Poor M—— saw it. His misery was at its height. He would have given worlds to have been a thousand miles away. Hastily throwing his eye around him, like a stag at bay, he saw no chance of egress except on the side of the servant; for in every other direction he was absolutely hemmed in by a belt of smiling women. He could stand it no longer, but turning desperately away from Lady ——, he rushed against the waiter, overthrowing him in his flight, and dashing toward the doorway as if a thousand spectres were in pursuit, he never paused until he reached the landing, had hired a boat, and was safe on board the frigate, where he recounted his adventures with ludicrous tones, swearing he would rather storm Gibraltar single-handed than be ball-baited for such another half an hour.

The laughable fright of poor M—— was more than could be resisted, and the moment of his exit was a signal for a universal laugh. Decorum, for the moment, was forgotten. Lady ——, however, turned directly to the captain to apologize for her mirth, remarking in conclusion, that her knight—for such she laughingly called M——, was any thing but chivalric.

"Your ladyship," was the proud answer, "has never seen him as I did once—charge at the cannon's mouth to rescue a woman from worse than slavery, or you would have never condemned him for a want of chivalry."

"You," answered the admiral, "a few such fire eaters and event Gibraltar might be a trouble-some place to hold."

The dancing had already commenced, and I was just leading my partner to her seat, when somewhat of a bustle was heard near the entrance door, and looking around, I noticed that it was occasioned by a new party which had just arrived. After a few minutes conversation with the dark-eyed Andalusian whom I had been waiting upon, her partner for the next set appeared, and feeling an indisposition to further dancing, I sauntered across the room. I had scarcely gone a dozen paces before the second lieutenant of the frigate, a short, thick-set, jolly Virginian approached me.

"By St. Anthony, St. George, St. Dennis, and all the saints in the calendar fandom, Danforth, there is a girl over there who throws all our beauties into the shade. She has scarcely yet entered the room, and already there is a swarm of gallants around her. I am busting up the captain to see if he can't manage an introduction for me through the admiral, or somehow—oh! there he goes—I must make haste—Addio," and the bustling Virginian hurried away.

At this instant Lady —— passed me, leaning on the arm of a post-captain in the Royal navy. Seeing me she paused and said,

"Will Mr. Danforth do me the honor to say whether my fair country-woman, who is turning every one's head here, is as beautiful as some on the other side of the Atlantic?—come—let me present you."

I bowed and accompanied her across the room. As we approached, the group made way for the admiral's lady, and in another instant I found myself in the presence of the fair rival of my country-women. I had turned my head to speak to a lady as we entered the group, but just as Lady —— was on the point of presenting me, I looked up. Good God! it was my own Isabel.

"Miss Thornton!"

"Mr. Danforth!" were our exclamations almost in the same breath, as the brow of Isabel glowed a moment with the deepest crimson, and I felt my own cheeks burning like fire. Lady —— cast a meaning glance at me.

"Ah! Mr. Danforth, not to tell me you were acquainted with Miss Thornton, when I was rejoicing all the while in anticipation of giving you a new acquaintance. But where could you have met?"

"Why, my dear boy," broke in, at this moment her father, coming forward as he saw me, "how are you? Glad to see you. Ah! Lady ——, let me present you to the gentleman, I have so often spoken of, who rescued Isabel from the burning ship."

From that moment, as if by universal consent, the field was left clear for me; and an hour of the most delicious intercourse ensued between our little party.

"But are you not paler than of old, Isabel," said I, after I had, at their urgent request, recounted my adventures since parting with them. "you do not look as you used to—at least not so—what shall I call it?"

Her answer explained their presence at Gibraltar. She had been for some time in bad health, and her physician had advised a visit to Italy. Her father insisted on it, and it was in pursuance of this object they had reached Gibraltar that morning.—Having called upon the admiral's lady, an old friend of the family, they had been urged to remain to the ball, in such pressing terms as to admit of no denial, although it was their intent, and whose chief regret on finding that he drew near to Houndsditch churchyard was, that his daughter could not take out an attorney's certificate and hold a place upon the roll. Filled with this affectionate and touching sorrow, he had solemnly confided her to his son Simpson as an invaluable auxiliary; and from the old gentleman's decease to the period of which we treat, Miss Sally Brass had been the prop and pillar of his business.

It is obvious that, having devoted herself from infancy to this one pursuit and study, Miss Brass could know but little of the world, otherwise than in connexion with the law; and that from a lady gifted with such high fashion, proficiency in these gentler and softer arts in which women usually excel, was scarcely to be looked for. Miss Sally's accomplishments were all of a masculine and strictly legal kind. They began with the practice of an attorney and they ended with it. She was in a state of lawful innocence, so to speak. The law had been her nurse, and, as bandy-legs or such physical deformities in children are held to be the consequence of bad nursing, so, if in a mind so beautiful any moral twist or hardiness could be found, Miss Sally Brass's nurse was alone to blame.

It was upon this lady, then, that Mr. Swiveller burst in full freshness as something new and hitherto undreamed of, lighting up the office with scraps of song and merriment, comparing with inkstands and bottles of wafers, catching three oranges in one hand, balancing steels upon his chin and punkinses on his nose, and constantly performing a hundred other feats of equal ingenuity: for with such unbendings did Richard, in Mr. Brass's absence, relieve the tedium of his confinement. These social qualities, which Miss Sally first discovered by accident, gradually made such an impression upon her, that she would entreat Mr. Swiveller to relax as though she were not by, which Mr. Swiveller, nothing loth, would readily consent to do. By these means a friendship sprung up between them. Mr. Swiveller gradually came to look upon her as her brother Sampson did, and as he would have looked upon any other clerk. He imparted to her the mystery of going the odd man or plain Newmarket for fruit, ginger-beer, baked potatoes, or even a modest quencher, of which Miss Brass did not scruple to partake. He would often persuade her to undertake his share of writing in addition to her own; nay, he would sometimes reward her with a hearty slap on the back, and protest that she was a devilish good fellow, a jolly dog, and so forth: all of which compliments Miss Sally would receive in entire good part and with perfect satisfaction.

One circumstance troubled Mr. Swiveller's mind very much, and that was that the small servant always remained somewhere in the bowels of the earth under Bevis Marks, and never came to the surface unless the single gentleman rang his bell, when she would answer it and immediately disappear again. She never went out, or came into the office, or had a clean face, or took off the coarse apron, or looked out of any one of the windows, or stood at the street-door for a breath of air, or had any rest or enjoyment whatever. Nobody ever came to see her, nobody spoke of her, nobody cared about her. Mr. Brass had said once, that he believed she was "a love-child," (which means anything but a child of love,) and that was all the information Richard Swiveller could obtain.

"It's of no use asking the dragon," thought Dick one day, as he sat contemplating the features of Miss Sally Brass. "I suspect if I asked any questions on that head, our alliance would be at an end. I wonder whether she is a dragon by the tye, or something in the mermaid way. She has rather a scaly appearance. But mermaids are fond of looking at themselves in the glass, which she can't be. And they have a habit of combing their hair, which she hasn't. No, she's a dragon."

"Where are you going, old fellow?" said Dick aloud, as Miss Sally wiped her pen as usual on the green dress, and uprose from her seat.

"To dinner," answered the dragon.

"To dinner!" thought Dick, "that's another circumstance. I don't believe that small servant ever has anything to eat."

"Sammy won't be home," said Miss Brass—"Stop till I come back. I shan't be long."

Dick nodded, and followed Miss Brass with his eyes to the door, and with his ears to a little back parlor, where she and her brother took their meals.

"Now," said Dick, walking up and down with his hands in his pockets, "I'd give something—if I had it—to know how they use that child, and where they keep her. My mother must have been a very inquisitive woman; I have no doubt I'm marked with a note of interrogation somewhere. My feelings I smother, but then I have been the cause of this anguish, my—upon my word," said Mr. Swiveller, checking himself and falling thoughtfully into the client's chair, "I should like to know how they use her!"

After running on in this way for some time, Mr. Swiveller softly opened the office door, with the intention of darting across the street for a glass of the mild porter. At that moment he caught a parting glimpse of the brown head-dress of Miss Brass sitting down the kitchen stairs.—"And by Jove!" thought Dick, "she's going to feed the servant. Now or never!"

First peeping over the handrail and allowing the head-dress to disappear in the darkness below, he groped his way down, and arrived at the door of a back kitchen immediately after Miss Brass had entered the same, bearing in her hand a cold leg of mutton. It was a very dark miserable place, very low, and very damp, the walls disfigured by a thousand rents and blotches.—The water was trickling out of a leaky butt, and a most wretched cat was lapping up the drop with the sickly eagerness of starvation. The grate, which was a wide one, was wound and screwed up tight, so as to hold no more than a little thin sandwich of fire. Everything was locked up; the coal-cellar, the candle-box, the salt-box, the meat-safe, were all padlocked. There was nothing that a bottle could have knocked upon. The pinched and meagre aspect of the place would have killed a chameleon. He would have known at the first mouthful that the air was not eatable, and must have given up the ghost in despair. The small servant stood with humility in presence of Miss Sally, and hung her head.

"Are you there?" said Miss Sally.

"Yes, ma'am," was the answer in a weak voice.

"Go farther away from the leg of mutton or you'll be picking it, I know," said Miss Sally.

The girl withdrew into a corner, while Miss Brass took a key from her pocket, and opening the safe, brought from it a dreary waste of cold potatoes, looking as eatable as Stonehenge. This she placed before the small servant, ordering her to sit down before it, and then, taking up a great carving-knife, made a mighty show of sharpening it upon the carving-fork.

"Do you see this?" said Miss Brass, slicing off about two square inches of cold mutton after all this preparation, and holding it out on the point of the fork.

The small servant looked hard enough at it with her hungry eyes to see every shred of it, small as it was, and answered, "yes."

"Then don't you ever go and say," resumed Miss Sally, "that you hadn't meat here. There, eat it up."

This was soon done. "Now, do you want any more?" said Miss Sally.

The hungry creature answered with a faint, "No." They were evidently going through an established form.

"You've been helped once to meat," said Miss Brass, summing up the facts; "you have had as much as you can eat, you've asked if you want any more, and you answer, 'no!' Then don't you ever go say you were allowanced, mind that."

With those words, Miss Sally put the meat away and locked the safe, and then drawing near to the small servant, overlooked her while she finished the potatoes.

It was plain that some extraordinary grudge was working in Miss Brass's gentle breast, and that it was this which impelled her, without the smallest present cause, to rap the child with the blade of the knife, now on her hand, now on her head, and now on her back, as if she found it quite impossible to stand so close to her without administering a few slight knocks. But Mr. Swiveller was not a little surprised to see his fellow-clerk, after walking slowly backward toward the door as if she were trying to withdraw herself from the room, but could not accomplish it, dart suddenly forward, and filling on the small servant, give her some hard blows with her clenched hand. The victim cried, but in a subdued manner as if she feared to raise her voice, and Miss Sally, comforting herself with a pinch of snuff, ascended the stairs, just as Richard had safely reached the office.

The Last Days of Jerusalem.

By one of those miracles of art which the military skill and discipline of the Romans gave birth to, in less than three days the Jews behold the city surrounded by a high bank, protected by thirteen towers; immense platforms, and the most formidable machines were constructed with similar boldness and dexterity. The second wall soon fell into the power of the legions; the third yielded to the unintermitted blows of the battering-ram; and at last the victorious Titus presented himself before the magnificent porticos of the temple, and at the foot of those walls which had been rais , by the munificence of kings, and by the piety of the Jews. It was most important, in the first place, to secure the fortress Antonia, which commanded the temple and the city. Titus drew up the machines and opened a breach, by which at night some veterans of the twentieth legion entered and mounted to the top of the wall. The guards were asleep, and they made themselves masters of it with little or no resistance; they immediately sounded the trumpets, as though several cohorts had been present. The Jews abandoned all the ports in dismay, and when the first rays of the rising sun lit the plain, the Roman eagle was seen planted on the tower of Antonia, and overlooking the holy city of Jerusalem. Titus would have taken possession of the temple the same day, but for the glorious resistance offered by the zealots and the Idumeans under the command of Alexas and Gyphtens of Malachi, of Judas the son of Jairus, and Jacob the son of Sosa, all of the faction of John. Buoyed up by a pious enthusiasm, these devoted troops retreated to the holy of holies, after having for the space of six hours resisted the combined attacks of the Roman army.

The temple held out yet for some time under the fanatic directions of the pharisees. The sight of the sanctuary, and the recollection of the power of Jehovah, who with his right hand exterminated the innumerable forces of the Amalekites, and brought up the waters of the deep against the haughty Pharaoh, rekindled the fiery zeal of the Israelites; and when Titus again, for the last time, offered them pardon and forgiveness, and entreated them to save the splendid monuments of the greatness of their fathers, the Jews rejected with pride and contempt his merciful propositions, in the spirit of reckless patriotism they resolved to withstand the whole force of the Roman empire under cover of the sanctuary. Without any farther delay, the tribunes and centurions received orders to marshal their men for the assault. About the ninth hour of the day, Cornelia, at the head of a division of five thousand men, attacked the first wall of the temple. The conflict raged chiefly at the gates, which the Romans were ultimately compelled to abandon. The Jews rushed out upon the camp of Titus with such fury that the legions were thrown into disorder, and retired. In the midst of this melee, and the interchange of impetuous charges, which the Rabbin, David Gans, compares to the raging of a stormy ocean, the immense gallery which communicated between the fortress of Antonia and the temple, burst forth into flames. Under one of the sacred cloisters the sulphur and bitumen destroyed three centuries of the third legion, with their tribunes and standards. At last the flames reached the temple, and huge flakes of fire streaked the sky. The tumult of the battle, which the despairing Jews coolly sustained on all sides, blended terrifically with this hideous conflagration. Succession of onslaughts and repulses on either side distinguished the scene of action. The gates of cedar were driven in, and their brass hinges were violently torn from the walls. Titus entered the sanctuary; but while he admired its simple and majestic construction, while he viewed the golden candlestick, and the tables of propitiation, a troop of priests and levites, concealed behind the golden veil, rushed out upon his guards, and drove them back to the galleries. Ere Titus could return to the conflict, the flames had filled the temple. In the midst of the thickening of smoke, and upon the pavement, choked up with the bodies of the slain, a few priests still bravely defended themselves. They were slaughtered. During the days which followed this awful catastrophe, the ungovernable legions spared neither age nor sex; every house had become a citadel which the soldiers were obliged to take by assault. The few Israelites who escaped the swords of their enemies fell upon their own. The whole city and the country for miles round, were covered with blood, and the waters of the Jordan were tinged with a lurid hue.

The Destiny of Jerusalem.

In fact, the holy city had displayed such obstinacy in its resistance, that Titus and the chiefs of the legions could not resist the clamorous demands of the soldiers, who quoted the fate of rebellious Carthage, and violently declared that the plough should be passed over the foundations of Jerusalem. All its houses were razed to the ground, as well as its palaces and sycamore gardens. From the wreck of the temple of this superb city Titus only preserved one flank of the wall, and the three towers of Hippicus, Phasael, and Mariamne, (raised by the piety of Herod,) to serve as a memorial to the universe of the prowess of the legions and the vengeance of Cæsar. Nearly eleven hundred thousand Israelites, according to the somewhat exaggerated account of Josephus, perished by famine and the sword during this memorable siege and ninety-seven thousand were distributed among the conquerors, like sheep in the pastures of the Jordan. The young, and most graceful were kept to adorn the triumph of Titus and Vespasian on the Roman ways. All the males of seventeen years of age and upward, were shipped off to Egypt to be employed in the public works, or to appear in the combats of the circus, and the gladiatorial exhibitions. As to those Israelites who were under that age, they were sent to the markets of Rome to minister to the insolent luxuriousness and brutal caprices of the senators and patricians. John and Simon, the two chiefs of the zealots, dragged out from a common sewer, were reserved to be hurled from the Tarpeian rock after the triumph which awaited Titus and Vespasian at Rome.

My Love.

BY COLERIDGE.

Art lovely fancy! and the poet's dream,
With fairy wand, O bid the maid arise,
Chaste joyance dancing in her bright blue eyes,
As cool from the Moon's calm shade
I come, with Learning's sweet not inharmonic
When we she is seated amid round my brow,
And cast my lore, and half returned my vow,
Over all my frame shot my thrill'd heart,
And every nerve confessed the electric dart.

Spirit of Love! ye heard her name! obey
The powerful spell, and to my haunt repair
Whether on shuddering pinions ye are skiver,
Where rich scents blossom on myrtle trees,
Or with fond imaginement around my hair,
Sigh in the loose involutions of her hair;
O hand the spell, and hither wing your way,
Like far off music voyaging the stream.

Sprite! be you the infant Maid was born,
Found by the wondrous alchemy of heaven,
Be fairest maiden of the lovely shapes know.
No finest mind it of heaved the human's mom
A thousand loves sit waiting in her eyes,
Love lights her smile—in joy's red nectar dips
His myrtle flower, and plants it on her lips.
She speaks! and hark, that passion-warbled song
Still fancy! still that voice, those notes prolong.
As sweet as when that voice with rapturous faint
Shall wake the soften'd echoes of heaven's halls.
O, have I sight'd, were mine the wizard's rod,
Or mine the power of Proteus, changeful god!
A flower entranced arbor would I scene
To shield my love from noontide's sultry beam,
Or bloom a myrtle, from whose odorous bough
My love might weave gay garlands for her brows.
When twilight dim arises from the fading vale,
To fan my love, I'd be the evening gale
Mourn in the soft folds of her swelling vest,
And flutter my faint passions on her breast;
Its sweet wing I'd float a dream by night,
To soothe my love with shadows of delight
Or near aloft in be the spangled skies,
And gaze upon her with a thousand eyes.

A Tiger Hunt.

As the chace advanced the circle diminish ed, but not the ardor of the hunters, each step brought them nearer in contact until they presented a bristling hedge of steel, a wall of fire which few beasts had courage to affront. Save here and there, which some wounded animal, maddened with pain, sprung upon the assailant and either perished amid the grove of spears and sabres, or falling its victim to the earth, darted with appalling roars into the distant thickets.

"*Aferin! aferin!*" (bravo) suddenly exclaimed my mistress, who appeared as much elated with the sight as the Spanish gineur women are with that of bleeding bulls and wounded horses, upon a sabbath festival. "God has given beasts to all things," continued she. "Look! look! if it were a true believer, it could not be more tender of its young. *Wallah, wallah!* the brave brute deserves mercy for its goodness. Allah forgive me! I question if Baba would do as much for me. I wish I were that eagle-eyed young Khan upon the white *Tenner* horse, and I would give orders to spare the creature. Ah! he has no compassion; see! he takes aim with his carbine. Good! good! he has missed—no! the young one bleeds—bleeds in its mother's mouth. Poor thing! see how she disposes her precious burthen and licks its wounds. God is great! he has implanted more feeling in the breast of the forest beast, than in the souls of the devilish Arabs and Rajpoots, who slay their own offspring."

The sight that elicited these exclamations from Gulabi, was that of an immense tigress which had emerged from the thickest depths of the opposite jungle, followed by two new born cubs, which she carried a third between her jaws. Slowly and majestically the noble animal moved along, disdaining to accelerate her pace in despite of the surrounding peril. With bristles erect, and head half turned, she held her way, lashing her stronked flanks with her tapering tail, contracting her barbed paws, and pausing now and then to gaze at her pursuers. Upon reaching the torrent's brink, she stopped, and measuring its foaming breadth with her glaring orbits, crouched as if about to leap; but she suddenly renounced the project, withheld by the remembrance of her cubs, which, apparently aware of her intention and their own helplessness, moaned piteously.

At this moment, the band of hunters, posted among the reeds, rose from their concealment, and striking their spears and sabres against their shields, prepared to fall upon their victim.

The foremost was a young khan, no less remarkable for the beauty of his person, than for the richness of his dress and trappings. Grasping his carbine with one hand, and beckoning with the other to his followers to pause, that the glory of the encounter might alone be his, he urged his double steed to the side of a lofty palm. Then, heading sideways across his saddle, until his projecting right leg and body nearly formed a horizontal line, he rested his left arm against the tree, levelled and fired.

The result proved that he was no unskilful marksman. The leaden messenger of death smitten the mother's head, but struck the cub between her teeth. For an instant, the noble brute seemed unconscious of its effects. Startled, but not terrified, she did but raise her stiffened tail, elevate her head, and glower fiercely, in the direction of her antagonist, who, casting aside his gun, and unsheathing his scimitar, calmly waited the issue. It was not long coming. Ere many seconds, the tigress not only felt the quivering agonies of her dying young one, but tasted its warm blood trickling through her jaws. Gently dropping it on the ground, she turned it with her nose, sniffed, roamed, licked its wounds, and gazed on it with a look of mortal anguish. Then, as if roused to a sudden consciousness of its fate and her own powers, she uttered a few short but furious roars, and collecting all her strength, bounded with lightning speed to seek revenge.

A SPANIARD'S IDEA OF THE AMERICANS.—A Spaniard was once asked how he liked the Americans. He hesitated a while, but at length declared that he hated them. Upon being urged for his reasons, he answered, "Because they eat vinegar with their veal!"

A BAY.—An Irishman's friend asked him to name his bay colt. "A colt is he—and a bay!" "Truly is he," replied his friend, "and a beautiful bay!" "Then call him Dublin, for that is the finest bay in the world."

Master Humphrey's Clock.

BY CHARLES DICKENS.

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